

Nancy Pittman's book.

Platter Family History  
sent to me by my  
father's third cousin  
and my fourth cousin,

Francis Bonnell Platter

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Cleveland, Ohio. APPROX  
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June 15, 1963.

Joseph and Nicholas Platter,  
were brothers.

Nicholas, my great-great-grandfather  
came to America Aug. 13, 1750.

His brother Joseph came in 1765.

Nicholas 3 yrs. older than Joseph.

Nicholas II born about 1860 in Fredrick  
Co. Md. died about 1832 in Ohio



Platter History, behind  
the records in this book.  
The following facts I found  
in, "Thomas Platter's Travels  
in, & through England." by Henry Hecht.

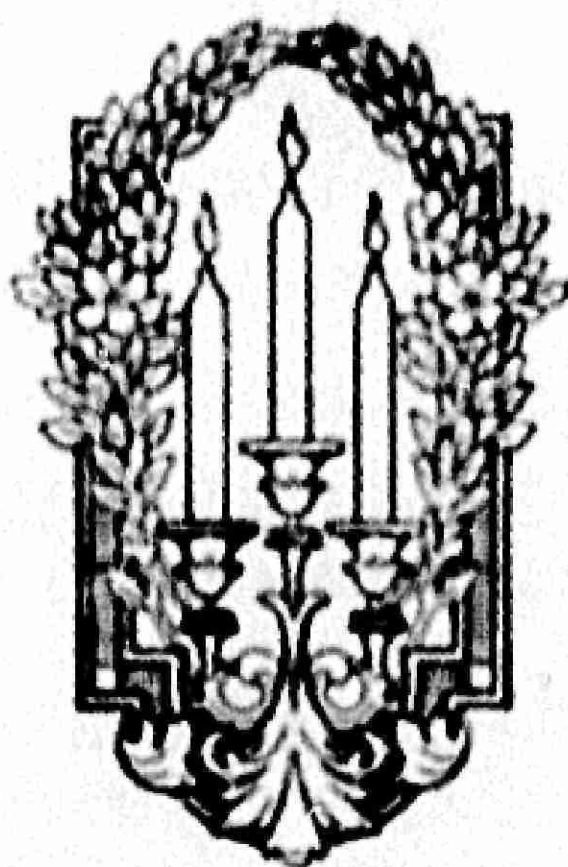
Old Summather, father-  
in-law  
of Anthony Platter, first  
man of the name Platter  
as mentioned in this book,  
lived in Valais highlands  
in the shadows of Mt. Rosa,  
and the Matterhorn. He  
died at the age of 126 yrs.  
Had a son at 100 yrs. of age.



*A* HISTORY of  
*The* PLATTER FAMILY

FROM ABOUT YEAR SIXTEEN HUNDRED  
TO THE PRESENT TIME

By REV. DAVID EDWIN PLATTER



CLEVELAND, OHIO, MAY 1st, 1919



## FOREWORD

**N**ORMAL sons and daughters ought to take pride in their parents, and want to know about their lives; but why should they not take pride also in their parents' parents, and want to know something about their lives, and the lives of the generations back of them, and have that something put in some tangible form, so that it can be preserved and handed down to their children?

And why should not a man take a just pride in the family name he bears, especially when that name has come to him unsullied, and has been borne for generations by men and women of sterling worth, albeit few of them may have risen to eminence? The vast majority of families are just plain folks, possessing the ordinary human virtues, living useful and helpful lives, known and respected as good men and women within a limited environment, with now and then one rising into prominence. One of the great Greeks said: "To know one's ancestors, is a duty one owes to his posterity." But how can one fulfill his duty to his posterity, unless he passes on to them the knowledge which he has gathered of his ancestors? Pride in one's family is an incentive to right living. The right thinking man will not lightly permit himself to sully a name that has come to him unsullied from his father and his mother.

Thomas Lincoln and his wife Nancy Hanks were just plain folks. They moved from Kentucky to Indiana and died there. Their son Abraham moved to Illinois, and from there to the White House, and from there to Immortality. And so the lives of all the obscure Lincolns that went before were quite worth while, and worthy to be written in a book, and laid upon the family altar. The little curly-headed toddler in some Platter family of today may be the President of the United States tomorrow.

With these thoughts in my mind, I take up for the third time the pleasant task of making the numerous and widely scattered members of the Platter Family better acquainted with their ancestors, and with each other. I deem it quite worth while. I want to introduce my children and your children to their ancestors, as far back as we can go; and we can go far; as far as three hundred years by actual record; by tradition to the fourteenth century. Those ancestors breathed the air of religious and political freedom, in the mountain fastnesses of Switzerland, in the Rhone Valley, under the shadow of the Alps, where the Breithorn and the Matterhorn lift their eternally snow-clad faces to kiss the blue of Heaven.

The descendants of Joseph Platter in America have become a great company, and they are scattered from ocean to ocean. Twice before, in



1888, and again in 1902, I have set myself this pleasant task, fulfilling it each time imperfectly, but with such facts as I had been able to gather up to that time. I have pursued this task with increasing interest and pleasure through a long and busy life, as a diversion from the daily round of more serious work. Browsing through libraries in the various cities where I have lived, and corresponding widely not only in America but also in Germany and Switzerland, I have dug up a good deal of material, and gathered a great many facts, that would perish with me if I should be "gathered to my fathers." I have reached my threescore years and ten, the scripturally allotted span of life, and I have the feeling that the knowledge which I have, ought to become the heritage of your children and mine. I want to introduce your children and my children to each other, and have them take a just pride in their ancestors and in each other.

I wish to acknowledge here the helpful co-operation I have had from various members of the family, without which the compilation of the history would not have been possible. To me it has been a labor of love, and I have had "lots of fun." Knowing better than anybody else its incompleteness, I yet commend it to your kindly consideration. I trust it will serve a useful purpose, and bring and keep the widely scattered members of the family into a living touch with each other. With the hope that the perusing of it may give you as much pleasure as the writing of it has given me, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

DAVID E. PLATTER.



Cleveland, Ohio, December 2, 1918.



## A Far Backward Look, To Switzerland

**I**N the summer of 1918, through the courtesy of my friend Dr. John W. Perrin, Librarian of Case Library in Cleveland, Ohio, there came into my hands a book entitled, "Thomas Platter and the Educational Renaissance of the Sixteenth Century," recently published by D. Appleton & Company of New York in the International Educational Series.

The book is in part an autobiography of that great scholar and humanitarian of the sixteenth century, Thomas Platter, who was a pupil and a friend of the learned Myconius of Zurich and Basel; also of Ulrich Zwingli, the great Swiss Reformer; and who himself attained an enduring reputation as the head of the Academy or Gymnasium, the preparatory school for the University of Basel, which honorable position he held for the period of thirty-one years.

This Thomas Platter has this to say of the origin of his family: "My father was called Antony Platter, of the old family of those who were called Platter, as far back as the fourteenth century. They received their name from a house that is on a wide Place (Platte)."

Again he says, "The Platter family were called Platter from the plat, or platten or plateau, a level surface or table land, on the top of a high mountain near Grenchen." Again, "It is a great flat rock on a very high mountain, by a village that is called Grenchen."

He says that the original home of the Platter Family was near the village of Grenchen, on the Saaser fork of the Visp river, in the Canton of Valais, or Wallis as it is now spelled. The Visp river has its sources in the glaciers at the foot of Monte Rosa, the Matterhorn, the Breithorn and the Weisshorn. It was here in the shadow of these great mountain peaks of the Alps that the Platter Family had its beginnings, as early at least as the fourteenth century, according to this ancient and learned representative of it. The spot is in the Rhone valley, not very far from where the Visp river flows into the Rhone, at the town of Visp, and lies between that place and Zermatt at the foot of Monte Rosa, a peak 15,217 feet high.

Antony Platter was the father of thirteen children. Thomas tells us in his autobiography that nine of the thirteen were swept away by a pestilence following one of the numerous wars of the times. Presumably Thomas was one of the last born, as he says he knew only three of his brothers, and two of these died in the wars, Simon and Hans. One remaining brother lived and died at Oberhofen on the shores of Lake Thun.

In his autobiography Thomas Platter says, "However humble my origin, God has granted me the honor, so that in so widely famous a city as Basel I have taught school, according to my power now for thirty-one years, in the next highest school to the University, wherein many noblemen's sons have been instructed, in which now many doctors or otherwise learned men have been; that the lovely city of Zurich, similarly also the famous city of Berne, has given me its wine of honor, on account of the city; and other places have honored me through their honored and learned people."

Felix Platter, a son of Thomas, was a physician of great repute in the city of Basel, and no less distinguished and honored by the Swiss people than his father. It was at the request of Felix the son, that his father in

The father of Antony Platter was called Summarter who lived to be 126 years of age, in the Swiss highlands. This statement is in the book, "Thomas Platter's Travels in England."



his old age wrote this autobiography. It remained in manuscript only, for two hundred years, and was then printed in Germany. Of late years it was printed in England, and now recently in America, in the International Educational Series. Text books, written by both father and son, have been in use in European Universities for a long series of years.

But what has this to do, the reader may be ready to ask, with the Platter Family in America? A very great deal as I shall presently relate. The Platters who lived in and around Saarbrücken, Germany, have been known for two hundred years as belonging to the Border Swiss. The father and the grandfather of the Joseph Platter who came to America in 1765, were born in Erlenbach, near Berne in Switzerland, and removed to Saarbrücken about 1701. Thomas Platter tells us that his brother Yoder Platter lived and died at Oberhofen on Lake Thun. His death probably took place about 1680, or thereabouts. Michael Platter, the grandfather of Joseph Platter, was born in Erlenbach, near Berne, Switzerland, Nov. 3rd, 1656. His father's name was also Michael, and his mother's name Magdalena Kammer. Erlenbach is directly across the Lake of Thun from Oberhofen, where lived and died Yoder Platter, the brother of the famous Thomas. There is a very strong probability that the father of our ancestor, Michael Platter, was a grandson of this Yoder Platter. Having in my possession the transcript of an official document, showing that the Michael Platter who came to Saarbrücken in 1701, was born at Erlenbach, near Berne, I wrote to the Postmaster of Berne to ascertain if it might be possible to find some record of his family. Through the courtesy of Hermann Hutzli, Secretary of the General Post Office at Berne, and through the kind offices of the parish officer of the Town Council of Erlenbach, the record was found, the date of birth given the same as in the public document in my possession, and the name of the parents given as above, and the same was forwarded to me by M. Hutzli, from his home, Wabern, near Berne, May 12th, 1917.

At the close of the Thirty Years' war, the lands of the Count of Nassau were almost depopulated by war, famine and pestilence, and he invited neighboring peoples to come in and repopulate his lands. In response to this invitation, a colony of Swiss from Erlenbach, in the Canton of Berne, settled in Sulzbach, a suburb of Saarbrücken, and Michael Platter, the grandfather of our American ancestor, Joseph Platter, was amongst them. The date of this removal is variously given, but it was certainly previous to 1713. It is given by Carl Platter of Sulzbach as 1701. It is given by Ludwig Platter of Trier as previous to 1713. The official document referred to above is a deed of inheritance, given to Michael Platter, born in Erlenbach, Switzerland, by Ludwig Craft, Count of Nassau, to "a domain or landed property from Neuweiler to Sulzbach," and dated Jan. 16th, 1713.

This Michael Platter was the grandfather of Joseph Platter, who came to America in 1765, and from whom the Platter Family in this country, as we know it and belong to it, is descended. The importance of this is, that we are of Swiss ancestry, not German. Our forefathers were cradled in the freedom-loving atmosphere of the mountains, where liberty, civil and religious, for centuries has had its home, in the proud mountain Republic. Like Abraham on his way to Canaan, our forefathers stopped on the way in Germany, as he did in Haran; but like him they struck their tents, after a sojourn there, and came on to the land of promise, and here built their altars unto the Lord.



## The Platters in the Searbrucken Country, Germany

**I**N JULY, 1914, just before the outbreak of the great war, I received the following letter from Ludwig Platter, a teacher in the government Teachers' Seminary, in Ottweiler, near Saarbrucken. He had learned from Karl Platter 2nd, of Neuweiler, that I had made some efforts to trace the history of the family, and so was prompted to write me some information which he had gathered, and which he thought might be of interest to me. Indeed his letter proves to be quite an important contribution to the history of the family, as it is the first accurate information, that takes us back of Germany and into Switzerland, and proves the Swiss origin of the family. There was a sort of vague tradition, of which I had heard when a boy, that the original Platters had come from Switzerland, but I had never been able to find the tradition verified, until he sent me the "deed of inheritance" given to Michael Platter by the Count of Nassau. I immediately answered his letter, expressing to him my appreciation of his interest and thoughtful kindness in writing me. It is possible that he received my letter before the outbreak of the war, and it is also altogether possible that he has been numbered with the great multitude of Germans sacrificed to the vain and wicked ambition of the Kaiser. The following is his letter in full.

Trier, Germany, June 6th, 1914.

Dear Relative:

Mr. Karl Platter 2nd of Neuweiler informs me, that you are interested in the history of our family, but that from the time of 1750 you are not quite clear. I can give you some facts from a book, the History of Sulzbach and Neuweiler, with which I am at this time familiar.

I have found an interesting piece of information in the Coblenz State Archives, of which I am sending herewith an actual copy. The one who in this document is called Michael Platter, is said to be the founder of the family which today in this Saarbrucken country, is known to the border-Swiss families as Sippe the Platter. This document affirms the tradition that the Platters came originally from Switzerland. They were, however, in the Saarbrucken country before 1713, because as early as 1689, a Platter was mentioned.

As you know, Sulzbach in Neuweiler was well-nigh destroyed in the Thirty Years' war, by famine, pestilence, and the wild hordes from Spain under the Imperial General Galla. The Count Von Nassau-Saarbrucken after that invited people from all the German Provinces, and especially from upper Germany, to repopulate his land.

In Sulzbach and Neuweiler (this court was earlier known as Steinhof, and is today a well known surname) the Swiss were brought in (to colonize), those who at the time of their immigration were known to be from Erlenbach, in Canton, Berne. Among these were Platters. From Neuweiler the Platters spread out.

In 1720, a Christian Platter, an inn-keeper, was in Sulzbach. Soon after, this inn passed from his possession in a business deal with relatives and the later occupant, called Martin Platter, was known as Loch-Platter, or Platter in Loch (in the hollow), because the house was set in the deep woods. This Martin came into the possession of the house through marriage. This inn



was torn down a few years ago. In this vicinity there lived farmers by the name of Platter, with also a Martin among them.

My grandfather was a cousin of George Platter from Neuweiler, the grandfather of Karl Platter 2nd. My great-grandfather lived for a long time in Weibelskerken. There the two brothers of my grandfather, Ludwig and Karl, and also a sister, were born. From them descended the many Platters now living in Weibelskerchen. A fourth brother of my grandfather was master machinist in the government coal mines in Newkerchen. A son of his is inspector of the mines. He has studied at the University (a University education is requisite for these positions), as I myself have.

I am a teacher at the government Teachers' Seminary (Normal School) in Ottweiler. My grandfather, John Nicholas Platter, born in 1821, was foreman in the Berlin Blue Factory in Sulsbach. He served as a soldier in the Berlin Guard, for he was tall and strong. My father took up farming and had also a bakery and inn in Sulsbach. His name was Ludwig. His brother Karl lives in Chicago. I myself have two brothers, Otto and Karl, bakers and farmers, and two sisters, Katherine and Julia, married to Ludwig Winter in Sulsbach, and Special Forester Wagner, in St. Armand in Saarbrücken. I still possess a letter written by a Platter in America in 1850.

In Switzerland the name Platter was already known in the Middle Ages. The Biography of the honorable humanitarian and teacher, Thomas Platter, also his son the physician, Felix Platter, contributed much to culture, and are as text books still widely read by people. Thomas Platter came from Canton Wallis. He was later Professor in Basel and Strasburg. It is said he takes his name from a great flat rock in the vicinity of which his ancestors lived. Platter may also mean, as Platner, he who makes flat pieces of iron, flat plates. Both Platter and Platner are known in the Tirol.

With best wishes and greetings,

Your affectionate,

LUDWIG PLATTER.

Government Normal School Teacher.

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### Inheritance Letter of Michael Platter. Original in the State Archives of Coblenz.

We, Ludwig Craft, Count of Nassau Saarbrücken, in Saarbrücken, Lord of Lohe, Weisbaden and Stosten, do make and promise herewith, for us and our inheritors and descendants, to our subject Michael Platter, born in Erlenbach in Seibenthal, in the vicinity of Berne, to possess by inheritance, and as an inheritance to be bestowed and handed down, also herewith the same and all his personal possessions and those of the descendants of his line, a domain or landed property from Neuweiler to Sultzbach in our present country (or Earldom) lying between Dudweiler and St. Tugberter Road to the brook.

Also part of the agreement is that he shall build proper farm buildings and residence thereon, keep the property in good repair, to plow, sow with grain, and garden properly, to keep all this in the best and most improved condition, to the best of his ability, as a hereditary property shall and may be



cared for, although with the condition that he shall not keep more than twenty head of cattle, and ten head of swine, and these must not graze on the far side of the brook.

Michael Platter promises also on his account to pay us this year twenty florins, the following year thirty florins, the third year forty florins, the fourth year fifty florins, and the fifth year the property becomes an inheritance to him and his forever. Should the payments be missed three times in succession, then (by agreement) the property is taken away and reverts to our estate. That all such conditions shall be held fast and unbreakable, in time to come and in all ways, as a loyal subject he has given his promise for himself and his descendants, both by word of mouth and in writing, also we have released him from all payments of time duties and services in the Kingdom, the County and the Estate.

That these facts may be known, we have written this Inheritance Letter with our own hand, and had it entered in our government Archives.

Signed

LUDWIG CRAFT,

Count of Nassau.

MICHAEL PLATTER.

Dated January 16th, 1713.



## A Search for Ancestors and a Lucky Find

**W**HEN I compiled the first little pamphlet history in 1888, when I was living in Canton, Ohio, I only knew that our ancestor, Joseph Platter, was born in Neuweiler, Saarbrücken, Nassau, and that he came to America in 1765. In 1901, assuming as a strong probability that there must be some of the original family still living thereabouts, I wrote a letter "To any Person by the name of Platter," and enclosed it in a letter to the Postmaster of Saarbrücken, asking him to be good enough to deliver it, if any such there were within his knowledge. Fortune followed my venture, for it so happened that Karl Platter, living in Neuweiler, was in the postal service. The letter was put into his hands, and shortly afterward, I was greatly gratified at receiving from him the following letter:

Neuweiler, Oct. 10th, 1901.

Dear Mr. Platter:

On the 16th of September, you wrote the Postmaster of Saarbrücken, to find out something about us. This letter was handed to me, and I will impart to you the following:

Of the Platters settled in Neuweilerhof in Nassau, Saarbrücken, in the year 1701, there are three male and four female descendants, namely, my brother and myself, my nephew, two sisters and two cousins. The others have either died or gone to other places. I am 38 years old, married, and have seven children, two boys and five girls. I am working in the postal service at Sulzbach, near Saarbrücken.

My brother Christian is 36 years old, is married and has two children, both girls. Conrad Platter (my nephew) is 24 years old, and unmarried. It seems as though the Platters were going to die out here, as my brother and I alone remain, three brothers having died and one being killed in the mines.

All the above descended from the first Platter who came here in 1701. Joseph Platter, who married Anna Barbara Luckenbill, was an uncle of my grandfather. Neuweiler is no longer called Hof (which means village), but just Neuweiler. It is a village of about 100 houses and three schools. The greater part of the inhabitants have migrated here, and are mountaineers who work in the mines. Sulzbach and Dudweiler are both villages, about one-half hour's walk from Neuweiler. Neuweiler people attend church at Sulzbach, near Saarbrücken, and are governed by the same Mayor.

I would be very much pleased to hear something about yourself and family, and in this way renew the old relationship. My address is,

CARL PLATTER,  
Postschaffner

In Neuweiler, near Sulzbach  
Kreis Saarbrücken, Germany.

Of course I answered this letter at once, and the result of the correspondence carried on for some time, was that this Mr. Karl Platter interested himself enough to have the Platter family record transcribed for me, from the books of the old Evangelical Church of Dudweiler. This was the church which our great-grandparents, Joseph Platter and Anna Barbara, his wife, attended



when they lived in Neuweiler, where they were married, and where their two sons, Peter and Christian, were born, before they came to America.

At the time of the writing of the above letter, Karl Platter speaks of the likelihood of the Platters dying out, and does not seem to have known of the existence of Ludwig Platter at Trier, and his brothers, Otto and Karl. Ludwig Platter in his letter speaks of the many Platters in Weibelskerchen, which I should judge was not more than fifteen or twenty miles from Neuweiler. According to these two letters, there were before the war, at least seven men of the Platter name living in "the Saarbrucken region."

## Platter Genealogy

### Transcribed From the Records of the Evangelical Church of Dudweiler, Germany

- II—Michael Platter (2), son of Michael I (1) and Magdalena Platter, was born in Erlenbach, Seibenthal, near Berne, Switzerland, Nov. 3rd, 1656, and died in Neuweiler, Ger., Dec. 18th, 1719. His wife, Maria, was born in 1665, and died June 14th, 1729.

#### Children of Michael and Maria Platter

- III—Johann Jacob (3) born 1689 in Sulzbach; married Magdalena Muller Mar. 2nd, 1718, and died April 13th, 1734.  
III—Johann George, born May 19th, 1699, in Sulzbach; married Magdalena Gittel Feb. 17th, 1729, and died Nov. 24th, 1757.  
III—Susanna Veronica, born Feb. 7th, 1702, in Sulzbach; married Johann Heinrich Hopf, and died Nov. 9th, 1775.  
III—Christian, born March 15th, 1705; married Susan Barbara Fischer July 13th, 1734, and died Dec. 22nd, 1772.

#### Children of Johann Jacob and Magdalena Muller Platter

- IV—Johann Jacob, born May 9th, 1719, in Neuweiler; died Aug. 29th, 1792.  
IV—Johann Nicholas, born July 8th, 1722, in Neuweiler. *d. 1806 in Pa. great-grandfather of the Platters*  
IV—Joseph (4), born May 13th, 1725, in Neuweiler.  
IV—Johann Christianus, born March 19th, 1728; married Anna Margaretha Maul; died Dec. 5th, 1785.  
IV—Anna Magdalena, born April 19th, 1731, in Neuweiler; married Johann Heinrich Bomm, Mar. 31st, 1761; died April 13th, 1790.  
IV—Johann Martin, born April 18th, 1734, in Neuweiler.

Given under my hand and seal in Dudweiler, Feb. 11th, 1901.

[L. S.]

URHMACHER, Pastor.



## The Platters in Frederic Co., Md.

THE above genealogical record would indicate that Michael Platter must have come from Switzerland to the Saarbrucken country, as early at 1689, since his oldest son Jacob was born there in that year. He had probably been living there for some years before he bought the "landed estate" from the Count of Nassau, as described in the foregoing "deed of inheritance." Jacob Platter being the oldest son, would be the one most likely to remain in the old country. Nicholas, the second son, and Joseph, the third son, came to America. Nicholas came first.

In Vol. 17, page 310 ser. 3 Pa. Archives the name of Niklaus Platter appears in a list of immigrants arriving at the port of Baltimore in the ship Bennet Galley, John Wadham, Master, Aug. 13th, 1750. This was 15 years before Joseph Platter came. In the old Evangelical Church record in Dudweiler, the date of the death of Jacob Platter and Christian Platter is entered; that of Nicholas and Joseph is not, for the reason that these two sons had come to America. Martin Platter is probably the one referred to in the letter of Ludwig Platter (see letter) as the inn-keeper.

The two brothers, Nicholas and Joseph, felt the lure of the new world across the sea; the land of larger freedom and larger opportunity for themselves and their children. Doubtless others of their friends or kindred had preceded them, as is usually the case, and one lured on the other. At any rate Joseph and his wife Barbara, and their two boys, Peter, 7, and Christian, 5, came across the sea in 1765, entering probably at the port of Baltimore, and went directly to Frederic County, Maryland, and settled there. This was their home for at least ten or fifteen years, and there five more children were born to them, two daughters and three sons. (See Family Record below.)

I have not been able to find any record of Joseph Platter as a landholder in Maryland. Previous to 1781, he removed to Washington County, Pa. The family Bible of Peter Platter, his eldest son, and my grandfather, which is now in the possession of Rev. Robt. S. Platter, of Shreve, Ohio, contains the following family record, in German, written by his own hand:

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### Family Record of Joseph Platter

1725, May the 13th, Anno Domini, Joseph Platter IV (4) was born in Nassau, Saarbrucken, Nauwillerhof; in the year of Christ, 1730, April the 15th, Anna Barbara Luckebilen was born in Nassau, Dantziller; and on the 28th day of May, 1757, she and Joseph Platter were married and lived in Nassau, Saarbrucken, where the following three children were born:

#### *Born in Germany*

- V—Johann Peter (5), September 21st, 1758. Sponsors at baptism: Peter Deutsch, and his wife, Christiana Mauria. Baptized by Pastor Manza.
- V—Johann Christian (6), born Nov. 14th, 1760. Sponsors: Daniel Schaffer, and his wife, Christiana. Baptized by Pastor Manza.
- V—Elizabeth, born Jan. 17th, 1764. Died in infancy.



*Born in North America, in Frederic Co., Md.*

- V—Elizabeth (7), born June 22nd, 1765. Sponsors: Heinrich Beder, and his wife, Anna. Baptized by Pastor Leschi.
- V—Maria Magdalena (8), born May 11th, 1767. Sponsors: Christian Erbe and his wife, Eva Katherina. Baptized by Pastor Willbahn.
- V—Jacob (9), born Nov. 3rd, 1769. Sponsors: Christian Erb and his wife Margaretha.
- V—Andrew (10), born May 25th, 1771. Baptized by Pastor Willbahn.
- V—Johann George (11), born Nov. 15th, 1773. The sponsors were George Kromer and his wife, Wilhelmina. Baptized by Pastor Mallauier.

Beyond the facts contained in the above record of the births of their children, I have not been able to obtain any information whatever of the life of Joseph and Anna Barbara Platter, during the ten or fifteen years when they were living in Frederic County, Md. As a landed homestead could be obtained in those early days at a very low cost, the probabilities are very strong that he would acquire a tract of land, and support himself and his family by farming, and if he did so there ought to be a record of it somewhere in the Maryland Archives, but so far I have not been able to find it. The Everly Family, which also was of ancient Swiss origin, lived near the Platters in Frederic County, Md. When Joseph Platter came to that locality from Germany, there was a little boy of five years, by the name of Leonard Everly. The first child of Joseph Platter, born in America, was Elizabeth. Leonard Everly and Elizabeth Platter were married in Washington Co., Pa., after the removal of both families to that state.

Dr. O. W. Everly of Columbus, Ohio, who is a descendant of this Leonard and Elizabeth Platter Everly, has rendered me great assistance by his researches into the history of his own family, and has put into my hands valuable data, and has helped me to clear up many things, as will appear later on in this narrative.



## The Platters in Washington Co., Pa.

**A**BOUT 1780, or possibly a little earlier, Nicholas and Joseph Platter removed with their families to Washington County, Pa. The Virginia Colony at this time claimed the territory of Southwestern Pennsylvania and Nicholas Platter was granted two tracts of land on Pigeon Creek by Virginia, while this ownership was still allowed. The date of these grants is 1780. This territory, which included the counties of Ohio, Youghiogheny and Monongahela, was afterwards purchased by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania from Virginia. The following letter is of interest, as giving the earliest public record of the Platter Family in America:

DEPT. OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Harrisburg, July 5th, 1901.

Mr. David E. Platter,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

In answer to your letter of the 1st instant, I beg to say that the earliest record we have of the Platter Family appears in a book in this Department entitled "Virginia Entries." This book came into the possession of the Commonwealth at the time of the purchase of the counties of Ohio, Youghiogheny and Monongahela from the State of Virginia. It is recorded that Nicholas Platter was granted 400 acres of land on the waters of Pigeon Creek. The date of the entry was February 18th, 1780. In pursuance of a certificate granted to Nicholas Platter by the Commissioners appointed by the State of Virginia to adjust the claims of unpatented lands in the three counties mentioned, there was granted to the said Nicholas Platter a warrant of acceptance for the above claim.

Yours very truly,

ISAAC B. BROWN, Dep. Secty.

The claim had probably been entered some years before, and the warrant of acceptance was granted in 1780. In the Archives of Pennsylvania, 3rd Ser., Vol. 22, page 733, I find that in 1781 Joseph Platten returned for taxation 124 acres of land, and Nicholas Platten 375 acres. Without any doubt this is a misprint of the name. In copying these old documents, pen-written, it is the easiest matter in the world to mistake a final r for an n. These same names recurring a number of times in the same document are always correctly spelled Platter. In this same volume, and in the same connection, Peter Platter, a single young man, returns one horse for taxation.

In Patent Book P, Vol. II, page 193, in the Dept. of Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania, there is the record of a patent, granting to Joseph Platter by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in consideration for certain monies paid by him, a certain tract of land called Naiads Walk, situated on Pigeon Creek, in Washington Co., Pa., containing  $133\frac{1}{4}$  acres. (Which said tract was surveyed in pursuance of a warrant granted to the said Joseph Platter, dated the 11th of April, 1785.) To have and to hold forever, etc.:

"Free and clear of all incumbrances and reservations as to mines, royalties, quitrents or otherwise, excepting and reserving only the fifth part of all gold and silver ore for the use of the Commonwealth, to be delivered at the pit's



mouth clear of all charges." This document is signed by Hon. Charles Biddle, Vice Pres. of the Supreme Ex. Council, on the 20th Sept., 1787, and was enrolled the 26th of Sept. following.

No gold and silver have ever been found there, but all this land along Pigeon Creek was underlaid with coal, and has been extensively mined in later years. A friend of mine in Cleveland, a coal operator, tells me that he has mined coal on the old Platter farm on Pigeon Creek.

When I compiled the family history in 1902, I was under the impression that there was a third brother, Christian Platter, who had also come from Saarbrucken, but as I have studied those old records more closely, I am inclined to believe that Christian Platter, who was the fourth son of Jacob Platter, did not come to America, because his death is recorded in the books of the old Dudweiler Church. It is true that a warrant was issued for 217 acres of land to Christian Platter in Washington Co., Pa., April 24th, 1793, but this must have been Christian Platter the 2nd, son of Joseph Platter, who would be at that date 33 years of age. This warrant is recorded in Washington Co. Records, Vol. 26, page 596, ser. 3.

Of the descendants of Nicholas Platter, Joseph's brother, 3 years older than himself, I have never been able to find any trace. He had a son Nicholas, to whom he deeded a tract of land in 1803, and when his will was proved in 1806, Dec. 21st, he named also three daughters, Elizabeth, Catherine and Sophia; also a granddaughter. It is possible that he had no other son than Nicholas, and he may have died without issue, in which case the name would die out, in so far as his branch of the family was concerned. There doubtless are descendants of some of his daughters, bearing the names of their husbands. There is no one by the name of Platter paying taxes in Washington Co. today.

Joseph Platter and his wife, Anna Barbara, continued to live on their farm on Pigeon Creek till their death. After their marriage they lived in Neuweiler, Ger., seven years; in Frederic Co., Md., 10 to 15 years; and the remainder of their lives on Pigeon Creek farm, Washington Co., Pa. Their deaths probably occurred somewhere near 1800 to 1810. They were buried in a private burying ground on their own farm, and their graves are unmarked, except by the spreading branches of a great oak tree. Mr. Adam Wickerham, of Monongahela City, wrote me in 1902 that the farm belonged at that time to a Mr. John Williams; that the graves in the private burying ground were all unmarked excepting those of Mr. and Mrs. Everly. These are the graves of Leonard Everly, who died July 7th, 1830, and his wife, Elizabeth Platter (Joseph's eldest daughter), who died Nov. 12th, 1833.

Joseph Platter and his wife were members of the Reformed Church, which is the Church of the Calvinistic faith in Germany. Their lives were marked by a genuine piety, and by those sterling underlying virtues that go to make sturdy character, and they have sent those characteristics down along the line of their numerous descendants to this day. I still cherish the hope that before I go hence, I may be able to collect a sufficient fund, to go to that old burying ground on the farm on Pigeon Creek, and place a simple memorial there to mark their last earthly resting place, and honor their memories.



## Soldiers of the Revolution

Joseph Platter had reason to be proud of the record of his family in the great struggle for the independence of the American Colonies. He had two sons, Peter and Christian, a nephew, Nicholas, and two sons-in-law, Leonard Everly and Peter Wickerham, who were soldiers of the Revolution.

My father, John Platter, told me that he had heard his father tell of fighting in the battles of Brandywine, Sept. 11th, 1777, and of Germantown a little later. Peter Wickerham, a son-in-law, was wounded in battle. Leonard Everly was a member of Captain Fister's company of the German Regiment of Maryland troops of the Revolution. Christian Platter was a soldier of the Revolution, and was also with Col. Crawford's expedition against the Indians, when the battle of Sandusky was fought on the 4th and 5th of June, 1782.

Any of the descendants of these men will find the following records available for use in seeking admittance into the society of the Sons and Daughters of the Revolution. A reference to these records in making applications will be sufficient.

Soldiers of the Revolution who received pay for their services as per cancelled certificates on file in the Division of Public Records, Original Muster Rolls, Pennsylvania State Library:

- Peter Platter, Private, Page 417, Vol. 4, Series 5.
- Christian Platter, Private, Page 417, Vol. 4, Series 5.
- See also same, Private, Page 724, Vol. 4, Series 5.
- Captain Thos. Parkison's Company, Lieut. Col. Crooks.
- Peter Platter and Christian Platter, from Washington Co., Pa.
- Pa. Archives, Vol. 4, Pages 417 and 734, Series V.
- Also Vol. 4, Page 164, Ser. 5, Pa. Archives.
- See also Pa. Arch., 3rd. Ser., Vol. 23, Page 206.
- List of Revolutionary Soldiers.
- Also Ser. 2, Vol. 14, Page 761, Pa. Arch.
- Peter Platter, member Capt. Robt. Ramsay's Company.
- Peter Wickerham, a son-in-law of Joseph Platter.
- Member of Captain Zadoch Wright's Co.
- Pa. Archives, 2nd Series, Vol. 14, Page 786.
- Nicholas Platter, a Nephew of Joseph Platter. Private in Class 2.
- Vol. 2, Pages 164 and 174, Ser. 6, Pa. Arch.
- Revolutionary Associators and Militia.
- Capt. Thos. Parkeson's Co., Lieut. Col. Crooke.

*This Nicholas Platter was my  
great-grand-father.*

*This is correct  
to take  
John Platter  
and his  
(names)  
Peter*

*same  
1760  
about*

*1806  
1724*



## Removal to Ohio

ALL the children of Joseph Platter (4) except Elizabeth (7), who married Leonard Everly, emigrated from Pennsylvania to Ohio. The oldest son, Peter, and the daughter, Mary (8), who had married Peter Wickerham, were the first to make the move. Both these men were soldiers of the Revolution, and so entitled to land bounties in the fertile unsettled regions of the great west. They were men inured from childhood to the hardships and dangers of pioneer life, and their wives were no less ready than they, to face the adventure and peril of life in the great western wilderness. Peter Platter married Sarah Crabs in 1787, and they had three children born in Washington Co., Pa., Barbara, Susannah, Joseph, and possibly also Philip Henry. In those days the Ohio river and its tributaries furnished the line of travel into Kentucky and the Northwest Territory. The date of this removal was from 1793 to 1795.

Kentucky, which was then a great wilderness, and known as the "dark and bloody ground," from the frequent battles with the Indians, was their first destination. The two brothers-in-law constructed a flatboat, at the mouth of Pigeon Creek, where it empties into the Monongahela. On this they loaded whatever of household possessions they had, and with their wives and children embarked for the voyage down the river for the new wild country, where they expected to make for themselves a home in the wilderness. Bidding goodbye to parents, kindred and friends, they floated down the Monongahela, and out into the broad Ohio below Pittsburg. They drifted down with the current by day, and moored to the bank for the night. There were four men on board. Both Christian (6) and Jacob (9), brothers of Peter (5) Platter, were settled in Ohio, about the year 1800, but I do not think they came at this time.

On the occasion of my last visit to him, a short time before his death, my Uncle Peter Platter related to me an incident which he had heard from his father, of that river journey. The Shawnee Indians that roamed the Northwest Territory at this time claimed the Ohio river as the boundary between the United States and the lands of the Indian tribes inhabiting to the north of the river. They disputed in many a bloody fray the entrance of the white man into their domain, and they watched with jealous eye every raft and flatboat bearing settlers down the Ohio. One night, as our party was moored to the shore near the mouth of the Scioto river, where it empties into the Ohio near the present city of Portsmouth, Peter Wickerham, who was standing watch for the night, roused everybody with the alarming news that boats were approaching them. The four men stood ready with their guns, and shouted the challenge, "Who goes there?" To their great relief the answer came, "Friends." Presently the approaching boat pulled alongside, and the occupants were received on board. They proved to be Washburne and MacArthur of Chillicothe. They had brought a stock of furs down the Scioto river, and wished to dispose of them. One of these pioneer hunters, Duncan MacArthur, was afterward Governor of Ohio.

The destination of the party was Kentucky. There was a settlement on the Ohio river at this time, at what was then called Limestone, but which is now the site of the Town of Maysville. Back from the river a few miles was



the town of Washington, and somewhere in this locality, in what is now Mason County, they located, and lived there for possibly three or four years. Whether they located land on their soldier warrants in Kentucky, I have not been able to ascertain, but for some reason having reference to difficulty in obtaining proper title to lands there, they decided to leave Kentucky and cross the Ohio, into the Virginia Reservation of the Northwestern Territory. That part of the present State of Ohio lying between the Scioto and Miami rivers, as far north as the Wyandotte Reservation, was reserved by the State of Virginia to satisfy the bounties promised her Revolutionary soldiers, when she ceded to the United States her claims in the Northwestern Territory.

In 1790, Nathaniel Massie, a young surveyor destined to play an important part in the settlement of the Northwest Territory, had surveyed and founded the town of Manchester on the Ohio river. In the years immediately following, he surveyed and located land warrants for soldiers and pioneer settlers over large regions to the north, and particularly in the valley of Paint creek and the Scioto valley, in the neighborhood of Chillicothe. He was the founder of that town, which afterwards became the capital of the State of Ohio. In later life he was widely known as General Nathaniel Massie.

The treaty of Greenville, made after the defeat of the combined Indian nations at Fallen Timbers in 1797, eliminated the terror which had hung over this region for many years, and had kept the lives of the adventurous settlers in constant peril. It was probably on the conclusion of this treaty of peace, that Peter Platter and Peter Wickerham decided to remove into the Virginia reservation north of the Ohio river.

In the Recorder's office at West Union, Adams Co., Book 1, 2, 3, page 10, there is the copy of a deed for 600 acres of land from Nathaniel Massie to Peter Wickerham, under date of March 13th, 1797, and on the following page a similar deed of sale of 400 acres from Nathaniel Massie to Peter Platter, under date of March 13th, 1798. 1798 is probably a mistake for 1797, as the two tracts were likely purchased at the same time. The two tracts were adjoining each other, and located on Zane's Trace, or as afterwards called the Limestone and Chillicothe road, and still later the National road, between the present sites of Peebles and Locust Grove.

It would appear that they did not locate this land on soldiers' warrants, but purchased from Massie land which he had surveyed and located himself. They may have located their lands in Kentucky and sold them when they decided to remove north of the Ohio. The two men came a season in advance of their families, and built houses on their lands; Peter Wickerham building on the site of the present hamlet of Palestine, and Peter Platter about one mile to the north, and about a half mile off the main road, on a road leading from Zane's Trace to the Marble Furnace. The Wickerham farm still belongs to Jacob F. Wickerham, a grandson; the Platter farm belongs to the heirs of Stephen Reynolds.

The following summer, 1798, the two men returned, bringing their families and their possessions with them, and settled in their new homes. Their descendants today can form little conception of the dangers and hardships which these pioneer forefathers faced in coming into this new country. A writer describing conditions only seven years before the time of their coming, says: "All this region was a vast wilderness, inhabited by tribes of hostile



savages, and filled with ferocious wild beasts. There was not a white man's house in all the Virginia Reservation; there was not a fort, or a single company of soldiers to shelter the pioneer who ventured within its limits. There was not a road or a path through this wilderness, and no means of travel except on foot or horseback."

This same writer goes on to say: "The pioneers of Adams Co. as a class were honorable and moral men and women. They represented some of the best families of Virginia, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Maryland and the Carolinas. They were a hardy, industrious and frugal people. They were the daring, spirited and brave element of the older settlements east of the Alleghenies." The woods were full of game. Deer, elk, buffalo, bears and turkeys were abundant, and hunting with their rifles, they provided abundant meat for the subsistence of their families. The men's apparel was mostly made of deerskins. These well dressed were made into shirts, pantaloons, coats, leggins and moccasins. Slowly and laboriously, the forests were cleared and the land by littles brought under cultivation.

Peter Platter and Peter Wickerham were religious men. The first church building erected in this region was located on the old Wickerham farm near Palestine. As early as 1801 a few Scotch-Irish families of the Old Covenanter Church of Scotland came to this locality, direct from the old country; a few families also came from Kentucky, among them the family of James Reid, the grandfather of the Hon. Whitelaw Reid, in later years our Minister to England. Very soon after coming, these Covenanters formed a society for worship, and were visited frequently by itinerant missionaries. The Platter and Wickerham families worshiped with these pious Covenanters. This old congregation was still in existence in my boyhood days, and many a day, on the Sabbath, have I attended two long preaching services in succession, with fifteen minutes in between for lunch and quiet visiting. Talk about long sermons! You should have sat as a boy through two of those long Covenanter sermons.

There was a summer camp of the Shawnee Tribe of Indians on Brush Creek, near the site of Marble Furnace, about two miles west of the home of Peter Platter. They would come there in the summer season from their towns further north and the squaws would till the land, raising corn and other grains, while the men would hunt and fish; then as the winter approached they would return to their central towns, carrying with them the foods and furs they had accumulated for their winter needs. They often appeared about the homes of the white settlers, but now that the treaty of peace had been signed, they were frindly and offered no molestation.

These early settlers in this new country chose the highlands for the sites of their homes from considerations of health. The soils of the valleys were richer, but fevers prevailed at that time, and for many years after, in the fertile valleys of the Scioto, and of Paint Creek. Chills and fever were the scourge of those localities for many years. The uplands were new and fresh, the soil, while not as fertile as the valleys, produced well, and good health, which is better than riches, abounded.

However, in 1811 Peter Platter was offered a farm in the rich Paint Valley in exchange for his upland farm in Adams County, acre for acre, and as his brother Christian was already settled there, near Bainbridge, he was



induced to accept it, and removed his family thither. This farm was located in Haller's Bottom, Twin Township, Ross County.

He had lived about 14 years in Adams County, and six of his thirteen children were born there: Sarah, Elizabeth, George, Peter, Catherine, and Christian. Henry and Christine were born in Kentucky.

For many years he regretted the removal to the Paint Valley, as he himself and all the members of his family suffered in turn from the dreaded chills and fever. Here, however, he continued to live till the day of his death, Jan. 3rd, 1832, twenty-one years later. Two more children were born in Ross County, John and Andrew.

He and his family belonged to the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of Chillicothe. He was a man of a devout spirit, and of strict integrity of character. He was careful to bring up his children in the Christian faith, and daily prayers was a constant feature of his family life. Deploring the evils that resulted from the prevailing custom of furnishing liquor to harvest hands, he decided that for himself he would discontinue the custom. Offering instead of the liquor, an increased wage and no liquor, he succeeded in gathering his harvest before his neighbors, and afterwards continued to follow this rule. He was the first farmer in the Paint Valley to break away from this evil custom. At the time of his death in 1832, all of his thirteen children were married but five; these were Peter, Catherine, Christian, John and Andrew. His wife, Sarah, followed him to the better world on February 23rd of the same year. Their remains now rest in the City Cemetery of Chillicothe, Ohio, in the family lot of their son, the late Peter Platter.

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## Christian Platter V.

### Son of Joseph IV

V.—Christian Platter (6) was the second son of Joseph Platter IV, and was born in Neuweiler, Germany, Nov. 14th, 1760. He was a lad of five years of age when his parents left the place of their nativity and came to America; old enough to have some childish recollections of the great adventure with his parents of crossing the ocean and entering the wilderness of the new world in North America to make there a home. Somewhere in Frederic Co., Md., where his parents settled, he grew to manhood. He would be 16 years old when the Colonies rebelled against the Mother Country in 1776.

That he, as well as his older brother Peter (5), was a soldier of the Revolution, is well evidenced by the data given under the head of military service in the foregoing part of this history. Besides serving against the British in the war for independence, he was a member of Capt. Ross's company, in Col. Crawford's expedition against the Indians in Ohio, when the battle of Sandusky was fought on the 4th and 5th of June, 1782. He would then have been 22 years of age, and the family of his father was living on the farm on Pigeon Creek, Washington, Pa. Marching through the Northwest Territory on this expedition, he would learn something of the wonderful region which was afterwards to become his home.

He was married in Washington Co., Pa., about 1787. The date I have not been able to verify. Neither do I know the name of his wife, except



that her given name was Christina, a name frequently repeated in the annals of the family, and sometimes written Christiana. The first census of the United States, taken in 1790, returns him as the head of a family, having a wife and one child. This was his oldest daughter Barbara, named for her grandmother.

All the sons of Joseph Platter felt the lure of the great west, and one after another responded to its call. The fact that as soldiers of the Revolution they were entitled to bounties in land no doubt had much to do with this westward migration. Here was a great, rich, boundless empire, to be entered into and possessed, and they joined the great westward migration that set in after the war of independence.

Whether Christian Platter (6) and his wife came west at the same time as did Peter Platter and Peter Wickerham, I am not sure, but I incline to the belief that they may have come together. I have heard the tradition that there were four men on the flatboat, that made the trip down the Ohio at that time. At any rate, somewhere between 1793 and 1800, we find him settled in Kentucky, near the present site of Lexington, and four of his six children were born there. Andrew, the youngest, was born there in 1798.

Somewhere near 1800 he followed the example of his brother Peter, left Kentucky and crossed over the Ohio river into the great Northwest Territory, then known as the Virginia Military Reservation, and which was largely settled by revolutionary soldiers from the States of Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia. In making this removal, he would cross the river at Maysville, then called Limestone, and follow the old road then known as Zane's Trace, or the Old Limestone Road, running from the Ohio river to Chillicothe. This would take him past the homes of his sister, Mary Wickerham, and his brother Peter, and we can imagine the welcome he would receive from these kindred of his in their new homes in the vast wilderness.

The fertile lands in the Paint Valley had been surveyed by Nathaniel Massie, and there Christian Platter located his claim, and built his home. He was a farmer, and also kept a tavern. Bainbridge was on the old national road leading from Maysville north and east through Chillicothe, Zanesville, Pittsburg, Harrisburg to Philadelphia. Travel was on horseback, or by stage coach, and the taverns along the road bore an important relation to the traveler's comfort. Henry Clay of Kentucky and many other notables traveled this way to Washington. Andrew Jackson, on his way to his inauguration as President, stopped at the Platter Inn. Christian Platter was a great lover of fine stock, particularly of Kentucky horses, as most of his descendants have been. Eight children were born to him, two of whom died in infancy, and six lived to be married and rear families. I have not the date of his own or of his wife's death. These events were probably somewhere near 1830. The record of his descendants will appear later on in this history.

### Jacob Platter V, Son of Joseph IV

V.—Jacob Platter (9) was the fifth child of Joseph and Barbara Platter, and was born in Frederic County, Md., Nov. 3rd, 1769. Following the example of his older brothers, he, too, left the ancestral home in Washington County, Pa., and came to Ohio, and in 1807 we find him located on a farm at the point where the old Limestone Road crossed Brush Creek, and which in later times was known as Fristoe's crossing.



In August, 1807, Dr. F. Cumming, while touring the western country, traveled on foot across Adams County, along the old stage line running from Ellis's Ferry (Aberdeen), to the Sinking Springs, and thence to Bainbridge and Chillicothe. The following is an extract from his book entitled "Sketches of a Tour."

"I came to Brush Creek (at Sproulls'), a beautiful river, about sixty yards wide. A new state road crosses the river here, but as I had been informed that there was no house on it for ten miles, I preferred keeping on up the bank of the river on the stage road, which led through a beautiful but narrow unsettled bottom, with Brush Creek on the right and a steep craggy precipice on the left, for a mile and a half. I then ascended and descended a steep and barren ridge for a mile, when I forded the creek to Jacob Platter's finely situated tavern and farm on the opposite bank."

The location of his tavern and farm was about six miles south of where his brother Peter and his sister Mary Wickerham lived. Thus there were three of the children of Joseph Platter, who were at this time keeping tavern along the old Limestone road, Christian at Bainbridge, Peter Wickerham, the husband of Mary Platter, at Palestine, and Jacob at Brush Creek. There were several incentives doubtless to follow this avocation. Through the entertaining of travelers these dwellers in the wilderness would be brought into touch with the outer world and get news from it. It would also bring them some money from this outer world, at a time when there was not much money in circulation. It was a side line in addition to the principal occupation of farming.

Jacob Platter (9) left Adams County probably about 1815 and went to what was called the Maumee country. He settled near Defiance, Ohio, and was in later years killed by accident when working on a boat on the Maumee river. He left a wife and nine children. I have not been able to ascertain the date of his death. Mary Platter Stroud, living with her sons in Oregon, was the only one of his nine children living in 1895. One son, George Platter, lived in Defiance. He was twice married and had eight children, four by each marriage. He died in 1863. His widow, Mrs. H. S. Platter, died at the home of her son, William Platter, in Chicago in 1911, aged 84.

A further record of the descendants of Jacob Platter will appear later on in this history.

### Andrew Platter, Son of Joseph IV.

Andrew Platter, son of Joseph and Barbara Platter, was born in Frederick County, Md., May 25th, 1771. He removed with his parents to Washington County, Pa. When grown to manhood he went on a trading voyage down the Mississippi to New Orleans, was taken sick and died there. He was unmarried. Have not the date of his death.

### George Platter (10), Son of Joseph IX.

V.—George Platter (10) was the youngest child of Joseph and Barbara Platter, and was born in Frederick County, Md., Nov. 15th, 1773. We have the least knowledge of him of any of the four brothers. He came to Ohio from Washington County, Pa., about 1803, and settled on a farm near Troy in Miami County, and lived there till his death, at the age of 64 years, in 1837.



I have heard my father say that Uncle Peter of Ross County, when a young man, made a trip on business into Indiana, and on his way stopped at the home of his uncle George, and that he described him as a tall, well proportioned man, and as straight as an Indian when he walked.

In 1901, through some information given me by Sarah Jane Lamb of Keokuk, Iowa, I got into communication with two of his grandchildren, Mrs. Franklin P. Kirk of Kansas City, and Mr. Elnathan Platter of Sumner, Wash., and from them learned some particulars concerning him. He had five children, two sons and three daughters, and their names in the order of their birth were: Jacob, Nicholas, Elizabeth, Ann and Nancy. Of his descendants I shall speak later on.

Having completed the history of the seven children of Joseph and Anna Barbara Platter, I will now take up the history of their descendants in the order of seniority as follows:

- I—The Descendants of Peter Platter V-5.
- II—The Descendants of Christian Platter V-6.
- III—The Descendants of Elizabeth Platter V-7.
- IV—The Descendants of Mary Platter V-8.
- V—The Descendants of Jacob Platter V-9.
- VI—The Descendants of George Platter V-10.
- VII—Andrew Platter had no Descendants V-10.

## The Platter Family

### To the Sixth Generation

#### First Generation.

Michael Platter, b. about 1625, Erlenbach, near Berne, Switzerland; m. Magdalena Kammer. Marriage record found at Wimmis, near Erlenbach.

#### Second Generation—Son of Michael I.

Michael Platter, b. 1656, Erlenbach, Switzerland; d. 1719. Maria, his wife, b. 1665, Erlenbach, Switzerland; d. June 14th, 1729. Removed to Saarbrucken, Germany, previous to 1713.

#### Third Generation—Children of Michael II.

1. Jacob Platter, Erlenbach, Switzerland; born in 1689; died in Germany, April 3rd, 1734; m. Magdalena Muller, March 2nd, 1718.
  2. George Platter, b. 1699; d. Nov. 24th, 1757. Magdalena Gittel, his wife.
  3. Susanna Veronica, b. 1702; d. Nov. 9th, 1775; m. Heinrich Kopf.
  4. Christian Platter, b. 1705; d. 1772; m. Susanna Barbara Fischer.
- These all born in Switzerland. All died in Germany.

#### Fourth Generation—Children of Jacob Platter, IIII.

1. Jacob, b. May 9th, 1719; d. Aug. 29th, 1792.
2. Nicholas, b. July 8th, 1722; d. about 1800 Washington Co., Pa.
3. Joseph Platter, b. May 13th, 1725; m. Anna Barbara Luckebilen, May 28, 1757; b. April 15th, 1730. Came to America 1765; d. Washington Co., Pa., about 1810.

great-grandfather

To here Margaret



4. Christian Platter, b. Mar. 19th, 1728; d. 1785; m. Anna Margaretha Maul.
5. Anna Magdalena Platter, b. Apr. 19th, 1731; m. Johann Heinrich Bomm, Mar. 31st, 1761.
6. Johann Martin, b. Apr. 18th, 1734.

Fifth Generation—Children of Joseph Platter IV-1.

1. Peter, b. Sept. 21st, 1758; d. Jan. 2, 1832, Ross Co., O.; m. Sarah Crabs.
2. Christian, b. Nov. 14th, 1760; d. Bainbridge, Ross Co., about 1835 to 1840.
3. Elizabeth, b. Jan. 17th, 1764; died in infancy in America.
4. Elizabeth, b. June 27th, 1765; m. Leonard Everly, 1782; d. Dec. 12th, 1833, Washington Co., Pa.
5. Maria Magdalena, b. May 11th, 1767; d. Adams Co., O., about 1840; m. Peter Wickerham.
6. Jacob, b. Nov. 3rd, 1769; d. Defiance, O., about 1845.
7. Andrew, b. May 25th, 1771; d. New Orleans about 1800.
8. Johann George, b. Nov. 15th, 1773; d. near Troy O., in 1837.

Sixth Generation—Children of Peter Platter V-I.

1. Anna Barbara, b. Dec. 15th, 1788; d. Jan. 2nd, 1880.
2. Susannah, b. July 27th, 1790; d. near Lafayette, Ind., about 1860.
3. Joseph, b. Mar. 27th, 1792; d. May 10th, 1851.
4. Philip Henry, b. Apr. 23rd, 1794; d. Dec. 4th, 1839.
5. Christine, b. Aug. 9th, 1796; d. near Lancaster, O., June 4th, 1858.
6. Sarah, b. Nov. 26th, 1798; d. 1870.
7. Elizabeth, b. Aug. 6th, 1800; d. 1850.
8. George, b. Sept. 6th, 1802; d. 1872.
9. Peter, b. Nov. 21st, 1804; d. May 23rd, 1891.
10. Catherine, b. Feb. 6th, 1807; d. July 28th, 1863.
11. Christian, b. Feb. 29th, 1809; d. July 23rd, 1847.
12. John, b. Apr. 26th, 1812; d. Aug. 11th, 1899.
13. Andrew, b. Jan. 15th, 1816; d. Jan. 19th, 1875.

Sixth Generation—Children of Christian Platter V.

1. Barbara, b. 1788, Washington Co., Pa.; d. Ross Co., O.
2. Catherine, b. 1790; d. Ripley, Brown Co., O.
3. Sarah, b. Aug. 2nd, 1794; d. June 29th, 1864, Pickaway Co., O.
4. Mary, b. 1796, near Lexington, Ky.; d. Decatur, Ill.
5. Andrew, b. July 31st, 1798; d. Apr. 3, 1875, Chillicothe, Mo.
6. Joseph, b. 1800; d. Bainbridge, Ross Co., O., 1872.

Sixth Generation—Children of Elizabeth Platter Everly, V.

1. Catherine, b. 1783; d. Ft. Scott, Kans., 1866.
2. Peter, b. Oct. 24th, 1785; d. Wayne Co., O., Nov. 16th, 1865.
3. Mary, b. 1787; d. 1823, Wayne Co., O.
4. Adam, b. 1789; d. 1853, Wayne Co., O.
5. Joseph, b. 1790; d. 1829, Wayne Co., O.
6. Jacob, b. Aug. 7th, 1792; d. Nov. 13th, 1842, Carroll Co., O.
7. Barbara, b. 1794; d. 1886, Martins Ferry, O.
8. Leonard, b. June 20th, 1796; d. Oct. 24th, 1853, Holmes Co., O.



9. Elizabeth, b. 1798; d. 1892, Wayne Co., O.
10. Ann, b. Mar. 1st, 1799; d. 1898, Holmes Co., O.
11. Sarah, b. Mar. 2nd, 1805; d. 1871, Washington Co., Pa.

Sixth Generation—Children of Mary Platter Wickerham, V.

1. Joseph, d. young.
2. John, d. Palestine, Adams Co., O.
3. Jacob, b. Dec. 4th, 1794; d. Palestine, Adams Co., O.
4. Elizabeth, d. Adams Co., O.
5. Nancy, b. Mar. 4th, 1789; d. Cincinnati, O.
6. Peter, d. Palestine, O.
7. Barbara, d. at her home near Locust Grove, O.
8. Susan, d. Cedarville, Greene Co., O.

Sixth Generation—Children of Jacob Platter V.

1. George, 1798.
2. Lewis, 1800.
3. Andrew, 1802.
4. Jacob, b. 1805.
5. Anna Barbara, b. 1801.
6. Elizabeth, b. 1804.
7. Mary, b. 1816.
8. Hannah, b. 1814.

Sixth Generation—Children of George Platter V.

1. Elizabeth.
2. Ann.
3. Jacob, b. 1792; d. July, 1873.
4. Nicholas, b. 1818-1886.
5. Nancy.

**Descendents of Peter Platter-5 (Joseph-4, Jacob-3,  
Michael-2, Michael-1)**

### **The West Family**

VI—Anna Barbara (12) was the eldest child of Peter and Sarah Platter. She was born in Washington County, Pa., Dec. 15th, 1788, and so was about 10 years old when her father removed to Adams County, O., in 1798. She grew to womanhood in the log house which her father had built in the wilderness, and shared in all the joys and hardships of the pioneer life of the family. In a list of marriages that took place in Adams County previous to 1811, given in N. W. Evans's History of Adams County, there is the record of the marriage of John West and Barbara Platter, Oct. 22nd, 1807, by Curtiss Cannon, Justice of the Peace. Early marriages were the rule and not the exception in those days. A writer discoursing of the customs of the times in this respect says: "Young men married from 16 to 21, and young women from 15 to 20." The first law regulating marriages in the Territory of the Northwest, published in 1788, provides that "males of the age of 14, and not prohibited by the laws of God, might be joined in marriages." Barbara Platter was of the mature age of 18 when she was united in marriage to John West. He is mentioned in Evans's History as a holder of land fronting



the river at Aberdeen, and several times his name occurs on commissions to value lands in connection with the opening of new roads in the county. John West entered a tract of land on the headwaters of the Rocky Fork of Paint Creek in Highland County, about six miles to the east of the present site of Hillsboro, and on that farm the newly married couple began and ended their married life. They reared a family of six sons and two daughters. John West was a good farmer and his wife Barbara was a good home-maker, and so they lived in great comfort and prosperity. I recall a visit which my father and mother and Alexander Crabs and his wife made to them in 1856, when I, as a lad of six years, was permitted to be one of the party. Alexander Crabs was a cousin, Grandmother Platter having been Sarah Crabs. Aunt Barbara attained the greatest age of any of the children of Peter Platter, passing to her final rest Jan. 2nd, 1880, in the 92nd year of her age. The death of her husband had preceded hers by some few years. They were members of the Disciple Church, were most worthy people, and very highly esteemed by all who knew them.

John and Barbara West reared a family of eight children, six sons and two daughters. I regret that I have been unable to obtain a complete record of the West family.

VII—Isaac (13) was the oldest son, born about Oct., 1808, more than 100 years ago. The descendants of Joseph Platter, from the time he himself crossed the Alleghenies, have had a strong impulse to "go west." The West boys and girls had a strong propensity for going to Iowa. Isaac went there when it was a wild and unbroken stretch of prairie and took up land near the present town of Villisa, and lived there till his death, which occurred ..... His children and grandchildren, some of them, live thereabout still.

VII—(14) Katherine West (daughter of Barbara Platter VI; Peter V; Joseph IV). Born Mar. 3rd, 1829, near Hillsboro, O.; Dec. 20th, 1848, married Frederick Isham Bumgarner, who was born in Culpepper C. H., Culpepper County, Va., Sep. 13th, 1829. Lived in Boston, Highland County, O. Mr. Bumgarner died Aug. 18th, 1896. Mrs. Bumgarner died Jan. 20th 1895. They were members of the Methodist Church. They had five children:

IX—(15) George Bumgarner, b. Apr. 23rd, 1851; m. Sarah Miller.

IX—(16) Mary Jane Bumgarner, b. Jan. 15th, 1853; m. Albert West; lives in Omaha, Neb.

IX—(17) Martha Eddy Bumgarner, b. Mar. 8th, 1856; m. Oliver Hixson.

IX—(18) Luella Tabitha Bumgarner, b. Sept. 15th, 1861; m. William Linn.

IX—(19) Susan Hersey Bumgarner, b. Jan. 31st, 1866; m. Thos. Fitzsimmons, Mar. 30th, 1899. Husband b. Dec. 24th, 1856; d. July 3rd, 1913. Lives in Hillsboro, O. Children, none.

VII—(20) Allen P. West (s. of Barbara Platter VI; Peter V; Joseph IV). Born near Hillsboro, O., Dec. 9th, 1821; m. Isabel Patterson, daughter of Robt. Patterson, May 18th, 1843. Isabel P. West, b. Oct.



10th, 1826; d. Aug., 1906. Lived on old West homestead, on Rocky Fork of Paint Creek. Farmer and stock raiser. Family members of the Christian Church. Removed to Washington C. H. His death occurred there in Aug., 1906. To Allen P. and Isabel West were born four children:

VIII—(21) Cyrus P. West (s. of Allen VII; Barbara VI; Peter V; Joseph IV). Born Nov. 9th, 1845; m. Lydia Smith; lives in Washington C. H., Ohio. Four children:

IX—(22) Stella; lives with her father.

IX—(23) Frederick; lives in Washington C. H., O.

IX—(24) Allen, lives in Washington C. H., O.

IX—(25) Sallie; m. Mr. Marine; lives on farm near Washington C. H., O.

VIII—(26) Robert R. West (s. of Allen P. VII; Barbara VI; &c.). Born Nov. 24th, 1845; m. Mary Eleanor Lyle. Lived on the old West Homestead, near Hillsboro, O. Farmer and stock raiser. Died Feb. 5th, 1919. Aged 73. Four children:

IX—(27) Roscoe L. West, b. Apr. 22, 1874; m. Elsie Sams; lives near Hillsboro; farmer and stock raiser.

IX—(28) Harry A. West, b. Feb. 2nd, 1877; m. Laura Brady.

IX—(29) Anna M. West, b. Apr. 17th, 1881; m. B. E. Parshall.

IX—(30) Mary I. West, b. Aug. 2nd, 1885; m. V. R. Rittenhouse.

VIII—(31) Sarah J. West (daughter of Allen P. VII; Barbara VI; Peter V; Joseph IV). Married Hibben Ervin. Lived at Washington C. H., O. One daughter:

IX—(32) Jennie Bell Ervin; Mrs. Joseph P. Bailey. Lives with her mother in Ann Arbor, Mich.

VIII—(33) Mary West (daughter of Allen P. VII; Barbara VI). Born Nov. 22nd, 1859; m. Chas. E. Haynes, now deceased. Lives in Hillsboro, O. Two sons:

IX—(34) Roy Haynes, editor Hillsboro Dispatch.

IX—(35) Lon W. Haynes, physician in Detroit, Mich.

VII—(36) Sarah West (daughter Barbara Platter VI; Peter V; Joseph IV). Born near Hillsboro, have not date; m. Jacob Tomlinson, and with him removed to Iowa near Villisca. Some of her descendants live thereabouts at the present time. Have no record of family.

VII—(37) Huldah West (daughter of Barbara Platter VI; Peter V). Born near Hillsboro, O.; have no date of birth; m. Harrison Weyer. Have no record of family.

VII—Amos West (38) went to Iowa, and for many years lived on a large farm about two miles out of Villisca. In later life he lived in Villisca, and was president of the Villisca Bank. He was married three times and had four children: Laura (VIII-39), Charles (VIII-40), Albert (VIII-41) and John (VIII-42).

VII—George West (43) removed to southwestern Iowa about the same time that his brothers did, but I have no information about him or his descendants.



VII—John West (44) also went to Iowa and lived on a farm near Villisca. He married Elizabeth Barrett, daughter of Richard L. Barrett of Hillsboro, Ohio. He died at his home near Villisca, leaving a widow and one child, Frank West (VIII-45), who at last accounts was living in Port Arthur, Texas.

VII—Andrew West (46) was the youngest of the family. He was fatally wounded on the street in Hillsboro, O., in 1861, by Robert Baskins. It was in the early days of the civil war, when feeling ran high. Andrew was an ardent patriot, and Baskins, whose sympathies were with the South, having given expression to some sentiments which Andrew regarded as highly disloyal, he promptly knocked him down; whereupon Baskins drew a revolver and shot him fatally. His early death under such circumstances was greatly lamented, as he was a young man who was universally respected and beloved.

I am sorry that the record of Barbara Platter West's family is not complete, but I have been unable to obtain the data. I have not been able to give the names of her children in their proper order, because I have not the dates of their birth.

## The Descendants of Peter Platter V.

### The Cochran Family

VI—(47) Susannah Platter (daughter of Peter V; Joseph IV). Born in Washington County, Pa., July 27th, 1790. She married Andrew Cochran probably about 1810, at which time her father was still living near Locust Grove, in Adams County, Ohio. She and her husband removed soon thereafter to the State of Indiana, which was then an unbroken wilderness. They took up land and made for themselves a home in the vicinity of the present city of Lafayette, Ind. They became entirely lost to their relatives in Ohio and have been ever since. Aurelia Kane Gates writes me that she recollects that when she was a little girl Aunt Susan Cochran and one of her sons came to visit her father and mother at their home in Tipton, Ind., and that they made the journey in a two-horse wagon. Mr. Jack Cochran of Lafayette, Ind., R. R. 6, writes me as follows: "My father, Joseph Cochran, came to this county in 1836 from Ross County, Ohio, and I heard him say that he stayed at Aunt Susan Cochran's that winter, which was Andrew H. Cochran's residence. I think the old people died in this neighborhood. I heard father speak of the boys, but there has not been any of the family in this part of the country in the last 60 years or more that I know anything about, and I never heard where they went to." This is all I have been able to learn of the family, though I have written many letters.



## The Descendants of Peter Platter V.

### Joseph Platter VI

VI—(48) Joseph Platter (s. of Peter V; Joseph IV; Jacob III; Michael II; Michael I). Third child and oldest son of Peter and Sarah Platter, was born in Washington County, Pa., March 27th, 1792. He learned the saddler's trade when a young man and went to Newark, Ohio, to live. He hired a man to paint a sign for him and he spelt the name Platto. He put it up as it was painted, and so he was called Platto, although he himself always spelled his name Platter. His two grandsons, George and John, go by the name of Platto in Newark, Ohio, today, and spell the name in that way. This is the only case I know of the spelling of the name being changed. Joseph Platter married Catherine Coffman, and twelve children were born to them. All of these, excepting three, died in infancy. He owned 13 acres of land, which he platted and added to the city of Newark. This lies in the heart of the city and is known today as Platter's Addition to the city of Newark. He could speak and write both English and German. His death occurred May 10th, 1851, in the 59th year of his age. His wife died March 11th, 1875. They were members of the Baptist Church. His three children who survived were, David Kimpton, Angeline and Sarah Catherine.

VII—(49) David Kimpton, son of Joseph Platter (VI-48). Born in Newark, O., Nov. 13th, 1838. He was married Dec. 28th, 1859, to Amelia Frances Green. At the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted in the 76th Ohio, and being of a musical turn was made a member of the regimental band. He was honorably discharged in 1862. He re-enlisted in 1863 as a member of the Brig. Band of the 1st Brig., 1st Div., of the 17th Army Corps, and marched with Sherman through Georgia to the sea. He died in Newark, Ohio, May 13th, 1897. His wife was born March 5th, 1838, and died July 16th, 1907. They were members of the Baptist Church. Four children survived them; three died in fancy.

VIII—(50) George Andrew (s. of David Kimpton Platter VII; Joseph VI; Peter V; Joseph IV). Born Oct. 8th, 1860. Married Mary D. Leonard, Nov. 29th, 1883, who was born Mar. 12th, 1862, in Zanesville, Ohio. Resides at 412 W. Church St., Newark, Ohio. To this union were born two children:

IX—(51) Grace Carolyn, b. Mar. 1st, 1887; m. T. H. Moore, June 15th, 1908; d. at Akron, Ohio, Feb. 18th, 1917. Left two children: Alice Carolyn Moore, b. Apr. 10th, 1914, and Mary Elizabeth Moore, b. Dec. 7th, 1915; d. Mar. 16th, 1917.

IX—(52) Edith Marguerite, b. Jan. 15th, 1890; m. Chas. F. Bain, living at Akron, O. To this union were born two children: George James Bain, b. Sept. 12th, 1913; Sarah Elizabeth Bain, b. May 21st, 1917.



## Joseph (VI-14)

VIII—(53) Lulu A. (daughter David K. VII-33). Born Aug. 4th, 1862. Married H. H. Stouffer. Died at Columbus, O., July 29th, 1904. Of this union three children were born:

Viola A., died in infancy.  
Cora L., b. July 7th, 1896.  
Bertha E., b. July 2, 1901.

VIII—(54) John K. (s. of David K. VII-33). Born March 3rd, 1864, Newark, O. Married May 21st, 1894, at Columbus, O. Name of wife, Nevada A. McCandless, born Oct. 25th, 1869, at Hiramburg, O. He writes, "I am one of the Platters whose name got twisted into Platto, and my brother George and myself go by that name now. My father went by the name of Platter, and enlisted in the army under that name; but his children as they grew up liked the name of Platto best, and still go by that name. I have never seen but one Platter outside of our own immediate family." Mr. Platto (Platter) and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church. He is a bricklayer by occupation. He has no children. He resides at 59 Maholm St., Newark, O.

VIII—(55) Mary Allen (d. David K. VII-33). Born April 23rd, 1867. Married Dwight S. Hirsh. Lives at 21 W. 58th St., New York. Have no further record.

VII—(56) Angeline (d. of Joseph Platter VI-14). Born May 22nd, 1843. Married David G. Wallace Dec. 25th, 1862, and died May 8th, 1864.

VII—(57) Sarah Catherine (d. of Joseph Platter VI-14). Born in Newark, O., Sept. 2nd, 1845. Married Ben S. Holland Mar. 28th, 1871. Her husband died Oct. 16th, 1909. She now lives with her son, William Marcus Holland, in Little Falls, W. Va. She has two sons: William Marcus (VIII-58), born March 28th, 1873, and Charles Joseph Holland (VIII-59), born July 11th, 1875. The latter served eight months in the hospital corps of the army in the Spanish-American war. He married Rosa M. Kemp, and lives in Newark, O.

## Philip Henry Platter (VI-60)

VI—(60) Philip Henry Platter. (Peter V, Joseph IV, Jacob III, Michael II, Michael I.) Philip Henry, fourth child and second son of Peter and Sarah Platter, was born in Mason County, Ky., April 23rd, 1794. At the age of 18 he enlisted in the army and served in the second war with England, known as the war of 1812. At the age of 24 he left his father's home in Ross County and went to Ripley County, Ind. July 24th, 1824, he was married to Emily Redding, who was born near Lexington, Ky., May 15th, 1804. Her father, Andrew Redding, was a soldier of the Revolution. Indiana was at this time a sparsely settled wilderness. There was no mill for grinding grain nearer than 30 miles, so Henry Platter built a little mill to be turned by hand. The surrounding settlers came with their grain, supplied the power themselves and ground their grain. Later he built a larger mill to be driven by horse-power, and later still he utilized a water-power for



running a grist and sawmill. It was while working at the latter that he cut himself with a foot adze above the knee, which eventually caused his death. He owned a farm of 100 acres and carried on milling interests in connection with his farm. He died from the effects of the accident referred to above on Dec. 4th, 1839, aged 45. His widow was married a second time to Thomas Parry in 1844. He was killed by bushwhackers in Missouri in 1862. She was married a third time to J. M. Allen, of Indiana, in 1864, and was the third time left a widow in 1866. She died at the home of her daughter, Sarah Platter Lamb, in Keokuk, Ia., Feb. 28th, 1896, at the ripe old age of 92. She was a woman of marked character and retained all her faculties till the day of her death. Henry Platter left seven children. Peter, John, Jonathan, Sarah Jane, Elizabeth, Mary Catherine and Amanda.

VII—(61) Peter Platter (s. of Philip Henry VI, Peter V, Joseph IV). Born at Versailles, Ripley County, Ind., July 29th, 1825. Married Oct. 17th, 1847, at Manchester, Ind., to Sarah Jane McCracken, daughter of Col. Mark McCracken, a soldier and officer of the war of 1812. They lived successively at Aurora, Versailles, Moore's Hill, and since 1860 at Seymour, Ind. He was the head of a firm of three generations of photographers, and he continued actively in the business till near the end of his unusually long life. His son Herbert and his grandson Frank were associated with him in the business. His experience dated from the day of the Daguerreotype. During the Civil war he assisted in organizing a company of volunteers, which became a part of the 67th Indiana Regiment. He served as Provost Marshal and as Deputy Assessor of Internal Revenue. He also served nine years as Postmaster of Seymour. His first vote for President was in 1848, and was cast for Martin VanBuren. His wife, Sarah Jane McCracken, was born May 31st, 1827, and died Jan. 18th, 1906. So far as I know, he attained the greatest age of any of the Platter family, passing to his final rest Feb. 26, 1919, at the great age of 93 years and 8 months. He had three children:

VIII—(62) Hartzell Hiner Platter (s. of Peter VII-36). Born Jan. 2nd, 1850, Elrod, Ripley Co., Ind. Married Dec. 19th, 1871, in Seymour, Ind. Name of wife, Electa Jane John, born Jan. 12th, 1850, Sydney, O. While living in New York, Mr. Platter was sandbagged and robbed and never recovered from the effects of the blows he received. He died in Indianapolis Dec. 18th, 1910. He had two children:

IX—(63) Herbert Ralph, b. Oct. 12th, 1872; died in childhood.

IX—(64) Amelia Leona Platter (d. of Hartzell H. VIII). b. Dec. 21st, 1875; m. Boyd R. Walsh at Lafayette, Ind., Oct. 30th, 1895; lives in Champaign, Ill.

VIII—(65) Herbert T. Platter (s. of Peter VII-36). Born Mar. 8th, 1853, at Elrod, Ind. Married Oct. 6th, 1867, at Seymour, Ind., to Zaida Estelle Justice, who was born at Noblesville, Ind., Sept. 6th, 1858, and died at Indianapolis, Ind., May 15th, 1911. Lives at Seymour, Ind., and carries on the business of photography founded by his father. Has one son:



IX—(66) Frank C. Platter (s. of Herbert T. VIII). Born Sept. 4th, 1878, Seymour, Ind. Married Della May Hopewell June 23rd, 1913. Enlisted in Spanish-American war, and afterwards served in Philippines. Associated with his father in photograph business.

VIII—(67) Amelia Waring Platter (d. of Peter Platter VII). Born Nov. 18th, 1854. Graduated from Vassar College and subsequently from Middletown University, Conn., in 1882. She holds a splendid record as a teacher, to which high calling she devoted her life. She has taught continuously for 40 years, and for 36 years in the same school, the Short Ridge High School of Indianapolis, where she was recently cited and decorated for distinguished service in teaching. She is a woman of generous mind and broad culture, and through these many years of faithful service has made her influence felt for lasting good upon the plastic lives of the young people who have been brought into the sphere of her personal influence.

VII—(68) John Andrew (s. of Philip Henry VI-15). Born Ripley Co., Ind., Nov. 14th, 1832. Married May, 1852. Died June 27th, 1867. Maiden name of wife, Jerusha Sheldon. Born, date not given. Died Dec. 12th, 1892. John Andrew Platter enlisted promptly when the Civil war broke out in 1861. He was elected captain of his company and was promoted to colonel for gallantry and efficiency on the field of battle. He was wounded in battle in 1862, but continued to serve until the last year of the war, when he was obliged to resign because of the wound which he had received and from the effects of which he died in 1867. He was a brave soldier and greatly beloved by both officers and men of the line. The G. A. R. Post at Aurora, Ind., his home, was named for him. He left four daughters:

VIII—(69) Emma; lives at Aurora, Ind.

VIII—(70) Mary; lives at Aurora, Ind.

VIII—(71) Flora; married James Howe VanHouten. Born in Ohio Co., Ind. Lives in Tacoma Park, Dist. Col. Has three children:

IX—(72) Hazel, b. Apr., 1886; m. Dr. Arthur Bikle Little; lives Tacoma Park, D. C.

IX—(73) John Russell, b. Sept., 1889. Enlisted in navy. Served on the transport Martha Washington.

IX—(74) Ruth, b. July, 1892.

VIII—(75) Hatty A. Resides in Mt. Auburn, Cincinnati, O. Has been private secretary to the directress of the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music for 15 years.

VII—(76) Sarah Jane Platter (d. of Philip Henry VI; Peter V; Joseph VI). Born June 15th, 1827, in Ripley Co., Ind. Married Lafayette Patrick in Terre Haute, Ind., Octo. 20th, 1850. Mr. Patrick was a veteran of the Civil war, enlisting at the start and fighting through to the finish. He participated in 17 battles. He died Aug. 23rd, 1869, from the effects of hardships endured in the service of his country. Sarah Jane Platter was married a second time to Jonathan Lamb in 1881, who died shortly afterward, leaving her a widow the second time. She died at the home of her son, Frank J. Lamb, in Chicago, Nov. 17th, 1913, at the age of 86. By her first marriage with Mr. Patrick she had four children:



VIII—(77) Emery T. Patrick (s. of Sarah Jane Platter VIII-37). Born about 1852. Married Ida Hixon. Was killed in his place of business by a holdup man Nov. 12th, 1918.

VIII—(78) Ida May Patrick (d. of Sarah Jane Platter VII-37). Born Jan. 5th, 1858. Married John Young.

VIII—(79) Emma Nora Patrick; died in childhood.

VIII—(80) Mary D. Patrick (d. of Sarah Jane Platter VII-37). Born Jan. 7th, 1867, in Keokuk, Ia. Married first, Mr. Everest, who died in Chicago, Nov. 15th, 1913. Married the second time, William Loades, who was born in Leeds, England. Lives 7455 No. Artesian Ave., Chicago.

VIII—(81) Frank J. Lamb (s. of Sarah Jane Platter VII-37). Born May 24th, 1872, Keokuk, Ia. Married Maud I. Knowles. Lives in Chicago. Is an elder in the Endeavor Presbyterian Church. No further record.

VII—(82) Elizabeth Platter (d. of Henry VI; Peter V; Joseph V). Born about 1829 in Ripley Co., Ind. Married Milton Wilson and lived near Spirit Lake, Ia. She and her husband are dead, and I have been unable to obtain any information of her family.

VII—(83) Jonathan T. (s. of Philip Henry VI; Peter V; Joseph IV). Born Nov. 2nd, 1843, in Ripley Co., Ind. His wife, Susan Weyer, born July 19th, 1842, Lee Co., Ia. Died Jan. 29th, 1890. Served one year as a soldier in the Civil war. Now a retired farmer. Is 86 years old, and a living example of the longevity of the Platters. To Jonathan T. and Susan Platter eleven children were born, which also shows that there is no tendency to race suicide in the family. Postoffice address, Boone, Ia., R. F. D.

VIII—(84) Henry B. (s. Jonathan). Born June 14th, 1850. Married Mary Staley. Lives Boone, Ia., R. F. D.

VIII—(85) Clara I. (d. Jonathan). Born Sept. 17th, 1861. Married Finley Irwin. Lives Butte, Mont.

VIII—(86) John A. (s. Jonathan T.). Born Feb. 3rd, 1864. Married Serelda Nolan. Lives Ogden, Ia.

VIII—(87) Charles M. (s. Jonathan T.). Born Oct. 3rd, 1866. Married Dora Hurst. Lives Ft. Dodge, Ia.

VIII—(88) Cora A. (d. Jonathan T.). Born Mar. 6th, 1871. Married Charles Beal. Lives Norwood, Mo.

VIII—(89) Viola May (d. Jonathan T.). Born May 24th, 1873. Married George Shaw. Lives .....

VIII—(90) Orlando E. (s. Jonathan T.). Born Aug. 25th, 1876. Married Eliza Hurst. Lives Ft. Dodge, Ia.

VIII—(91) Effie A. (d. Jonathan T.). Born Oct. 4th, 1879. Married Lester Evans. Effie A. deceased.

VIII—(92) Mary Estella (d. Jonathan T.). Born Dec. 14th, 1881. Married Alson Staley. Lives Boone, Ia., R. F. D.

VIII—(93) James Clinton (s. Jonathan T.). Born Sept. 11th, 1884. Married Lena Longfellow. Lives Steamboat Springs, Col.

VIII—(94) Susan Alameda (d. Jonathan T.). Born Feb. 14th, 1886. Died Aug. 6th, 1886.



VII—(95) Mary Catherine Platter (d. of Philip Henry VI; Peter V; Joseph IV). Born near Versailles, Ripley Co., Ind., Jan. 8th, 1836. Married Charles Walker White, of Versailles, Ind., at North Vernon, Ind., July 24th, 1854. Capt. White was an officer in the Union army during the Civil war. After the war his occupation was that of a contractor and builder. Their home was in Humansville, Mo.; in the latter years of their life in Saginaw, Mo. Capt. White was born in Old Utica, N. Y., Oct. 12th, 1836. He died in Saginaw, Mo., Jan. 9th, 1917, in the 83rd year of his age. His wife, Mary Catherine Platter, died in the same place, Oct. 31st, 1910, age 74. Ten children were born to them:

VIII—(96) Samuel T. Born Apr. 26th, 1856. Married Lucetta May. Died Dec., 1917.

VIII—(97) James E. Born June 21st, 1858. Married Clara Hale. Died Dec. 5th, 1915.

VIII—(98) Henry H. L. Born Nov. 21st, 1860. Married Celeste Hull. Died Jan. 26th, 1919.

VIII—(99) Erma A. Born Oct. 14th, 1862. Married Augustus Moon Aug. 2nd, 1864, Monrovia, Ind. Lives in Humansville, Mo. Two children died in infancy. Two are living:

IX—(100) Frederick E. Born May 27th, 1894. Married Verna Fee. Farmer, Lake City, Ia.

IX—(101) Jessie M. Born Mar. 6th, 1891. Lives Humansville, Mo.

VIII—(102) Flora E. Born June 5th, 1856. Married Martin Ransome.

VIII—(103) Mary E. Born Sept. 21st, 1869. Died Mar. 6th, 1875.

VIII—(104) William C. Born Feb. 23rd, 1872. Married Mattie Ham. Lives Joplin, Mo.

VIII—(105) Clara. Born Sept. 19, 1874. Died July 12th, 1889.

VIII—(106) John B. Born Jan. 28th, 1877. Married Eva Tanner. Lives Webb City, Mo.

VIII—(107) Jennie M. Born Dec. 4th, 1879. Married Hugh Conway.

VII—(108) Amanda Melvina Platter (d. of Henry VI; Peter V; Joseph IV). Born near Versailles, Ripley Co., Ind., Dec. 17th, 1837. She was married to John William Scott in Summitville, Lee Co., Ia., Jan. 31st, 1861, who was the son of James Scott, and was born in Chillicothe, O., July 8th, 1833. He was a civil engineer, and died at Fort Madison, Ia., May 27th, 1899. Mrs. Scott now lives with her son in Los Angeles, Cal., and will be 82 years old on her next birthday. She has written me two long and interesting letters, showing that she is still young in spirit. Four children were born of this union.

VIII—(109) John Winfield Scott (s. of Amanda M. Platter). Born Nov. 23rd, 1861. Married Lucy A. Lambert. Lives in Los Angeles, Cal. Has two children:

IX—(110) Roy Philip Scott. Married and has three children: Harold, Walter, Mildred.



IX—(111) Myrtle M. Drysdale.

VIII—(112) Lura Jane Scott (d. of Amanda M. Platter). Born July 23rd, 1866. Married Howard W. Scott Apr. 6th, 1884. Her home is in Quincy, Ill. She has three children: Frank W. IX, Pearl May IX and Harry F. IX. Frank W. was killed in an accident; Pearl married Mr. Cobb; Harry F. has two children, Cyrus and Virginia.

VIII—(113) James Henry Scott (s. of Amanda M. Platter). Born May 24th, 1870. Married Lura Watson Dec. 1st, 1900. Has three children: Hazel M., Roy Leslie, Goldie.

VIII—(114) Elmer E. Scott (s. of Amanda M. Platter). Born Feb. 28th, 1874. Died Nov. 18th, 1895.

## The Hay Family

### Christiana Platter

VI—(115) Christiana Platter (16). (Peter V; Joseph IV). Fifth child of Peter and Sarah Platter, was born in Kentucky Aug. 9th, 1796. Aug. 25th, 1819, she was married at her father's home in Ross County, O., to Peter Hay, who was born in Berkeley Co., Va., 1788. Peter Hay was a brother of John Hay, of Springfield, Ill., who was the grandfather of John Hay, who was private secretary to President Lincoln during the Civil war, and who afterward attained national and international fame as Secretary of State.

When I published the history of the family in 1902 I had no information whatever of the Hay family, but in 1903 I learned that Edwin Hay was living at Findlay, O., and very soon thereafter I got on the train and went to Findlay and spent a few days with him and his family. From him I learned that I had been living in Chicago for several years within a few blocks of his sister, Margaret Schley. He also told me that his father and mother, in 1842 or 1843, visited my father and mother on Brush Creek, in Adams county, and also at the same time at the Johnston's and the Kane's. Through Edwin Hay, I got into correspondence with his older brother, Peter Hay, then living near Nelson, Mo., and from the two and their children I have been able to obtain the quite complete record of the Hay family. Peter Hay, Sr., and Christiana, his wife, lived all their married life on their farm six miles west of Lancaster, O. His death occurred Oct. 28th, 1852, at the age of 64; that of his wife, June 4th, 1858, at the age of 61 years. They were most excellent people, and held in very high esteem by all the community where they had spent their long lives. They have a large number of descendants, living principally in Ohio and Missouri.

VII—(116) Joseph Hay, son of Peter and Christiana Platter Hay, was born Aug., 1820, and died July 13th, 1869, aged 48 years. He was unmarried.

VII—(117) Jonathan Hay, son of Peter and Christiana Platter Hay, was born Feb. 22nd, 1822. He married Mary A. Wright (VII- ), daughter of Joseph and Sarah Platter Wright (VI- ), and granddaughter of Christian (V- ) and Christiana (V- ), and great-granddaughter of Joseph (IV). He died very shortly after his marriage at the early age of 23 years. The date of his marriage was Aug. 13th, 1844; of his death, Aug.



18th, 1845. I recall a very delightful visit at my father's in Adams County, about 1858, from his widow, and her brother, Joseph Wright. One son was born of this marriage:

VIII—(118) Jonathan Hay (s. of Jonathan Hay VII; Sarah Jane Platter VI). Born June 17th, 1845. Married Sept. 24th, 1866. Name of wife, Rebecca A. Bean. Born Sept. 25th, 1842. Reside near Ashville, Pickaway Co., on a farm. Has seven children.

IX—(119) William V. Hay, b. Aug. 15th, 1867; m. Della Spindler.

IX—(120) Louis V. Hay, b. Mar. 15th, 1869; m. Florence Wanamaker.

IX—(121) James S. Hay, b. Apr. 23rd, 1871; m. Elma Rust.

IX—(122) John W. Hay, b. Dec. 17th, 1876; m. Lonna Baum.

IX—(123) Charles T. Hay, b. Jan. 26th, 1878; m. Mesla Brinker.

IX—(124) Edwd. B. Hay, b. July 24th, 1881; m. Susette Chapman.

IX—(125) Ann Agnes Hay, b. Oct. 19th, 1883; m. Milton Hott.

VII—(126) Margaret, third child of Peter and Christina Platter Hay, was born on the homestead, near Lancaster, O., May 24th, 1824. She was married to Newton Schleich (Schley) July 24th, 1851. Their home was in Lancaster, O., for many years. When I was living on Kenmore avenue, in Chicago, she, then a widow of about 75, was living with her daughter Mary a few blocks from me, and I did not know it at the time. I quote from a letter received from her daughter, Mary Schley, under date of May 11th, 1903: "On account of failing sight, mother desires me to write you for her. Your letter, as well as the history of her family, gave her great pleasure, and she wishes me to thank you for both, and to say that they revived many pleasant memories of the past, long forgotten. She will be 78 this month, and though quite feeble, is apparently very well." Children of Margaret Hay Schley were:

VIII—(127) Eleanor Schley. Married Mr. Stevenson. Is now a widow, living at Findlay, O.

VIII—(128) Mary Schley was living with her mother in Chicago in 1903.

VII—(129) Catherine, fourth child of Peter and Christiana Hay, was born near Lancaster, on the old homestead, June 22nd, 1826. She departed this life July 25th, 1845, aged 19 years, 1 month and 3 days.

VII—(130) Peter, fifth child of Peter and Christiana Platter (VI) Hay, was born on the homestead, near Lancaster, O., Aug. 12th, 1828. He married Lucretia McCleery in Fairfield Co., O., Jan. 25th, 1860. I will quote from one of his own letters, written to me Aug. 29th, 1903: "The History of the Platter Family was received and read with great interest. Many names were familiar to me, as I had heard my mother speak them, and some of those mentioned had visited at our home in Ohio. I am getting to be an old man. A few days ago I was 76 years old. I moved from Fairfield Co., O., in March, 1870, and have since lived near Longwood, in Pettis Co., Mo. My wife died two years ago last July." The exact date of Lucretia Hay's death was July 24th, 1901. Mr. Hay's death occurred. . . . . To Peter and Lucretia Hay were born nine children:



VIII—(131) Ida. Born in Fairfield Co., O., March 7th, 1861. Married W. R. Scott Apr. 12th, 1893. Has two children. Lives near Lookout, Mo.

IX—(132) Margaret.

IX—(133) William.

VIII—(134) James Hay (s. of Peter Hay VII; Christiana Platter VI; Peter V). Born in Fairfield Co., O., Apr. 1st, 1862.

VIII—(135) Josephine Hay (d. of Peter Hay; Christiana Platter VI). Born in Fairfield Co., O., Oct. 11th, 1865. Married W. W. Cook Oct. 21st, 1885. Lives in Warrensburg, Mo. Has five children.

IX—(136) Leeson Hay Cook.

IX—(137) Lucile Ayres Cook.

IX—(138) Maud Aline Cook.

IX—(139) Lyndon Cook. Was with the American Expeditionary Force in France.

IX—(140) Donald Cook. Was in training in Camp Custer, but did not get to France.

VIII—(141) Maud Hay (d. of Peter VII; Christiana Platter VI). Born in Fairfield Co., O., Sept. 20th, 1866. Married S. B. Bassett May 30th, 1894. With her husband has been engaged in teaching. Lives at Nelson, Mo. Has one daughter:

IX—(142) Edith Louise. Born Feb. 23rd, 1896, in Booneville, Mo. A. B. degree Missouri University, 1919. Teacher of History in Sedalia, Mo., High School.

VIII—(143) Peter Hay (s. of Peter Hay VII; Christiana Platter VI). Born in Fairfield Co., O., June 21st, 1868. Married Nellie G. Shackleford. Lives near Marshall, Mo.

VIII—(144) Miriam Wilson (d. of Peter Hay VII; Christiana Platter VI). Born Fairfield Co., O., Jan. 9th, 1870. Married Joseph G. Platter, Holden, Mo.

VIII—(145) Harry Hay (s. of Peter Hay VII; Christiana Platter VI). Born Pettis Co., Mo., Mar. 31st, 1872. Married Minnie Lakin.

VIII—(146) Leander Hay (s. of Peter Hay VII; Christiana Platter VI). Born Pettis Co., Mo., Nov. 29th, 1879. Died Feb. 7th, 1881.

VIII—(147) Harley Hay (s. of Peter Hay VII; Christiana Platter VI). Born Pettis Co., Mo., March 8th, 1881. Bachelor.

VII—(148) Edwin Ruthwin, sixth child of Peter and Christiana Platter (VI) Hay, was born near Lancaster, Fairfield Co., O., March 13th, 1831. He was married Dec. 2nd, 1869, at Findlay, Hancock Co., O., to Angelicia L. Frisbie, who was the daughter of Amos A. Frisbie, and was born in Royalton, Fairfield Co., O., Jan. 4th, 1840. He lived on a farm just outside the corporation limits of Findlay, O. I was always interested in him because, when a boy, I was told that I was named for Uncle David Johnston and Cousin Edwin Hay. When I visited him in 1903, I found him a very intelligent and affable old gentleman, living in comfortable retirement in his attractive country home, just outside of Findlay. Edwin Hay was a soldier of the Civil war, receiving his commission as a second lieutenant in the 61st Regiment, O. V. I., on Aug. 26th, 1862, recorded in vol. I, page 300, in the



Adjutant General's office, Columbus, O. His wife, Angelicia, died June 12th, 1879. I quote from a letter received from him Apr. 26th, 1903: "In 1846 or 1847, sister Margaret and I visited at your father's and the Johnston's and the Kane's. I remember fishing with your father in Brush Creek, but we got no fish. I remember passing through Locust Grove, but I never knew till I read it in your book that Grandfather Platter lived there. My wife died in 1879, and her sister and my daughter, Abbie, have kept house for me since that time. Come and see me and I will meet you at the train." His death occurred May 17th, 1911, at the ripe age of 80 years. He left two children: Abigail Bigelow (VIII- ) and Charles Edwin (VIII- ).

VIII—(149) Abigail Bigelow, daughter of Edwin R. Hay (VII- ), was born near Findlay, O., Feb. 24th, 1871. Married Dr. Franklin Bennett Entrikin, son of Franklin W. Entrikin, Findlay, O., June 26th, 1895. Dr. Entrikin was born Aug. 22nd, 1871, and died as the result of an operation Mar. 17th, 1910. Mrs. Entrikin lives in Findlay, O., and has two children. Edwin Wayne (IX- ) was a student, specializing in agriculture in Ohio State University. He enlisted in the Motor Transport Service Aug. 8th, 1918, and is at present with the army of occupation in Germany. He was born Nov. 21st, 1896. Loraine Entrikin (IX- ) was born Dec. 5th, 1900.

VIII—(150) Charles Edwin Hay, son of Edwin R. (VII- ), was born Mar. 3rd, 1876. He married Frona McCahan. Is engaged in farming and lives on the old homestead, just outside of Findlay, O.

VI—(151) Edward Hay (s. of Peter Hay and Christiana Platter VI). Born near Lancaster, O., July 16th, 1833. Died Pike's Peak, Neb. Ter., Mar. 17th, 1859.

VII—(152) Sarah Jane Hay (d. Christiana Platter VI). Born in Fairfield Co., O., Sept. 25th, 1836. Married Daniel Schley Oct. 25th, 1863. Died June 10th, 1898.

VII—(153) Zeldahann Hay (s. Christiana Platter VI). Born in Fairfield Co., O., April 20th, 1868. Died Dec. 9th, 1839.

VII—(154) Leander Hay (s. of Peter Hay and Christiana Platter VI). Born near Lancaster, O., Apr. 14th, 1841. Married Linda Strickler. Is the only one of the children of Christiana Platter now living. Will be 78 years old next birthday. He had one son, who died when he was about 21 years of age. He and his wife are now living in Lancaster, O.

## The Clark Family

VI—(155) Sarah Platter (d. Peter V; Joseph IV). Born near Locust Grove, O., Nov. 26th, 1798. At least the date of her birth is subsequent to the date of the deed of land to her father in Adams Co., O., and I assume that her birth had taken place after the family had removed to Ohio from Kentucky. She was married to William Clark, of Ross Co., O., about 1820, but I have not the exact date. They lived all their married lives on a farm, on the North Fork of Paint Creek, near Anderson, O. Some well known earthworks of a military character and belonging to the period of the Mound Builders, are located on this farm. They are fully described in works on this subject. Mr. Clark died when comparatively a young man,



leaving his widow with two small daughters. Sarah Platter Clark was a splendid woman. She assumed the management of her farm and the care of her children with characteristic fortitude, and carried on till her children were grown and married. She was a devoted Christian and a member of the United Presbyterian Church of Chillicothe, O. I recall as red letter days in my boyhood when she would pay us a visit at my father's home in Adams county. I particularly recall a week which she and Aunt Catherine Kane once spent with us. I have not the exact date of her death, but it was in the seventies. Her daughters were:

VII—(156) Josephine (d. of Sarah VI; Peter V; Joseph IV). Born (have not date). Married George Steele, who died young and left her, as her mother had been left before her, a widow with two small children. Like her mother, after the death of Mr. Steele, she continued to live on the farm, and carry on, with the advice and co-operation of her mother, till her children were grown. I have not the date of her death. Her children were: William VIII and Caroline VIII.

VII—(157) Caroline (d. of Sarah Platter VI; Peter V; Joseph IV). Born . . . . . Married William Ghormley, of Chillicothe, O. Mr. Ghormley was an expert designer of women's costumes, and carried on his business in Cincinnati, Chicago, and latterly in New York. I recall a delightful visit with them in New York in the '80s, and a day excursion which cousin Carrie and I took on a steamer down New York Bay. They lost a little boy in Chicago, and had one living when I was there. I do not know if they are yet living.

## The Johnston Family

(Elizabeth Platter Johnston)

VI—(158) Elizabeth Platter (d. of Peter V; Joseph IV). Born near Locust Grove, Adams Co., O., Aug. 6th, 1800. She was married to David Johnston, who belonged to the Covenanters, and though I am not sure, I make the guess that his ancestry ran back in its roots to Ireland or Scotland. After their marriage they lived on a farm on the west fork of Brush Creek, about three miles south of Tranquillity, O. Elizabeth Platter was a woman of great energy and force of character, a born housekeeper and home-maker. She reared a family of six children, and died greatly beloved and lamented about 1855. I have not been able to obtain the exact date. David Johnston, married a second time, removed to Iowa, and died at an advanced age in 1883. The children of Elizabeth Platter and David Johnston were:

VII—(159) James; died young and unmarried.

VII—(160) Ambrose was a teacher of music, and also taught in the public schools. He died at the age of 35 or 40, leaving a widow and two daughters.

VII—(161) Sarah married James McElroy. Was living in Cincinnati at the time of her death. She left one son, Clarence McElroy.

VII—(162) David Steele Johnston (s. of Elizabeth Platter VI; Peter V; Joseph IV). Born on Brush Creek, Adams Co., O., Nov. 3rd, 1835. Married Eliza E. Bogle at Cedarville, O., Jan. 9th, 1858. All the



sons in the Johnston family were musically inclined, and all were players on some instrument. David Johnston taught music for some years—the old fashioned neighborhood singing school. Then he became a dealer in musical instruments, pianos and organs, for many years in Cincinnati, O., and later in Tacoma, Wash. He was an elder in the Presbyterian church, active in Christian work, especially in connection with the Sabbath school. He died in Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 11, 1913. His wife, born Sept. 22nd, 1833, died Apr. 24th, 1906. His children were:

VIII—(163) James Stewart Johnston. Born Oct. 4th, 1858, at Tranquillity, O. Married Lulu May Taylor at Winchester, Ky., Dec. 1st, 1881. Died at Meriden, Miss., Aug. 11th, 1889.

VIII—(164) Howard Agnew Johnston (David VII). Born June 29th, 1860, at Cedarville, O. Graduated from the University of Cincinnati 1882, A. B. Graduated from Lane Theological Seminary, B. D., 1885. Ordained to the Presbyterian ministry, by the Presbytery of Cincinnati, 1885. Married Mary Este Hubbard at Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 21st, 1885. She died at Cincinnati, O., Aug. 16th, 1909. Second marriage to Mrs. Ida C. Lamson at Chicago Mar. 15th, 1917. Pastor Seventh Church, Cincinnati, 1884-1890; Central Church, Des Moines, Ia., 1890-1893; 41st St., Chicago, 1893-1899; Madison Ave., N. Y., 1899-1905; 1st Church, Col. Springs, 1908-1910; 1st Church, Stamford, Conn., 1910-1917. Author various books. A scholarly man, exerting a large influence in his life and ministry. D. D. Pastors Coll., Ia., 1894. Lives 3720 Grand Blvd., Chicago, Ill. Has one child by first marriage.

IX—(165) Mary Monfort Johnston, b. July 17th, 1888, at Cincinnati, O.; m. John Allen Stevenson, of Montreal, Apr. 26th, 1912, at Stamford, Conn.

VIII—(166) Edgar Dwight Johnston (David VII). Born Oct. 11th, 1861, at Cedarville, O. Married Jane Lewis Roots at Connersville, Ind., Oct. 8th, 1885. Their children are:

IX—(167) Francis Roots Johnston, b. July 4th, 1886, at Connersville, Ind.; was drowned Mar. 30th, 1906.

IX—(168) Esther Elizabeth Johnston, b. Apr. 15th, 1888, at Connersville, Ind.; m. Earle Gray Meeks at Connersville, Mar. 26th, 1909.

IX—(169) Sylvia Yale Johnston, b. Jan. 21st, 1892, Connersville, Ind.; m. Logan Thompson at Connersville, Ind.

VIII—(170) Mary Elizabeth Johnston (David VII). Born Feb. 11th, 1864, at Cedarville, O. Married James Simon July 6th, 1892, at Tacoma, Wash. Mr. Simon was born in Elgin, Scotland. He is connected with the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Chatham, Ont., and the family resides in that city. Their children are:

IX—(171) Marjorie Winchester Simon, b. May 24th, 1893, at Tacoma, Wash.

IX—(172) Loretta Johnston Simon, b. Jan. 6th, 1897, at Tacoma, Wash.; d. April 27th, 1898, at Victoria, B. C.

IX—(173) James Ronald Simon, b. May 24th, 1900, Victoria, B. C.



IX—(174) Howard George Simon, b. Nov. 29th, 1901, at Victoria, B. C.

VIII—(175) Jennie Retta Johnston (David VII). Born April 8th, 1867, at Cedarville, O. Married John A. Shank Sept. 17th, 1888, at Cincinnati. He died Dec. 6th, 1896, at Tacoma, Wash. Married Edward W. McKenna Feb. 15th, 1905, at Chicago.

VIII—(176) David Walter Johnston (David VII). Born August 26th, 1873, at Portsmouth, O. Lives Cedar Rapids, Ia.

VII—(177) Robert Johnston (Elizabeth VI). Married Emma Lewis, of Winchester, Adams Co., O. At the time of his death, in 1884, he was successfully engaged in business in Louisville, Ky. He left a widow and two daughters, residing at last account in Louisville, Ky.

VII—(178) Leah Johnston (Elizabeth VI). Married Dr. Hoagland, of North Liberty, Adams Co., O., and died within two years after, leaving one son.

## George Platter

VI—(179) George Platter, eighth child of Peter and Sarah (Peter V. Joseph IV; Jacob III; Michael II; Michael I). Born near Locust Grove, Adams Co., O., Sept. 6th, 1802. The following interesting account of his removal to Indiana in 1836 was sent me by his grandson, Frank M. Platter, of North Vernon, Ind. He was married in Ross Co., O., about 1830.

"Concerning George Platter's emigration in the spring of 1836, from Ross County, O., to Northern Indiana, as told to me at various times by my father, Edgar A. Platter.

"Practically all of Indiana and Ohio at the time was a wilderness, with here and there a small settlement, and the country was nearly all in timber. The start was made with Grandfather George, his wife and three small children. Father was the second or third child and was about three months old. Uncle W. D. Platter, who was five years old, remembered the trip very well, and I have often talked with him concerning it.

"This journey was made in a covered wagon, sometimes in company with other like parties and sometimes alone, and of course very largely through a virgin wilderness.

"It was safely accomplished to a point in Northern Kosciusko County, and on arrival, grandfather staked off and entered his land, first building a bark shanty, in which they spent the winter, and which was replaced the following summer with a more substantial log house with a stone chimney, large fireplace and a puncheon floor; quite aristocratic and comfortable for that time and the conditions. Grandfather was a capable pioneer and a good manager. His efforts were ably seconded by those of grandmother, who soon managed to have some sheep and flax. She worked both of these raw materials through all of the processes of soaking, washing, heckling, carding, spinning into thread and weaving into cloth, from which she cut and sewed by hand all the clothing for the family, as well as the bedding and other necessities. She raised her children, did all of her household work, and when there was



nothing else to do, she was busy knitting socks and stockings for the various members of the family. From what I have heard of the life at that time, with its unending round of hard driving duties, scarcity of comforts, with exposure and lack of diversion, it is not surprising that as a rule the woman did not live to a very ripe age. Grandmother died at about 35, according to my recollection, as related.

"Neighbors were few and rather far apart. If the family allowed the fire to go out, there was nothing to do but to go to a neighbor's and borrow a chunk of fire, this being easier than to start one with the flint, steel and tinder, and father said that many a time when he was a boy he had run for half a mile or more barefooted in the snow, and did not mind it at all, in fact rather liked to do it, when the weather was not too severe. What would today be considered as terrific hardships, were laughed at in those days.

"There were a good many Indians about then, and father has often told us that sometimes in cold weather a group of them would come into the cabin, form a semi-circle about the fireplace, sometimes standing, sometimes sitting, and after warming themselves would depart without anyone saying a word. They were never molested or injured. In after years when 'store clothes' were more plentiful, the chief of this tribe, which were of the Miamis, I believe, would dress up in a starched white shirt, fancy top boots, silk plug hat, and with a gold-headed cane, and nothing else, would strut around in the settlements of Oswego and Milford, thinking he was cutting a very fine figure. I have heard this chief's name, but it has escaped me.

"I am sorry that I did not make notes of the various incidents of the early pioneer life while my father and Uncle Will were living, and especially of the dates and names of some of the marriages and deaths which I cannot now recall. I understand that grandfather was married three times, but do not know the names of any of his wives, except the given name of the last one, which was Alvira. I remember her from childhood as a very kind woman, and father has said that an own mother could not have been better to the children than she was. I have none of the wives' names, nor the dates of the marriages. Grandfather, in the latter years of his life, followed the occupation of a miller.

"The settlers at that time needed land and did not need timber. The best land contained the best timber, so there was nothing to do but to burn off the timber. Father said he had seen many a fine walnut log rolled on the heap to burn, some of them four feet in diameter or larger. The same condition applied to fine poplar and oak, all of which are very valuable now. Having been in the hardwood lumber business for the past 27 years, this feature of the pioneer life is especially interesting to me; but under the conditions the destruction could not be avoided."

My father, John Platter, and my mother, visited Uncle George Platter at his home in Waterford in 1868, and it was the first time they had met since Uncle George left Ross county, O., in 1836; and never had a line passed between them. Father and mother treasured the memory of that delightful visit through all the after years. George Platter died at his home in Waterford, Ind., in 1872, at the age of 70. He was a man of fine character, and enjoyed the respect and esteem of all who had known him through his long life. He left four children: William D., Catherine, Edgar A., Sinah J. Margaret died in childhood.



VII—(180) William D. (s. of George VI; Peter V; Joseph IV; Jacob III; &c.). Born in Ross Co., O., Sept. 14th, 1831. Five years old when his father moved to Kosciusko Co., Ind. Spent childhood and youth in frontier wilderness. Very limited schooling, yet he grew to be a man of fine business ability, a manufacturer and the president of the leading bank in Goshen. Was married twice; first to Mary Stutzman, second to Lucy Michler. Had no children. I visited him in his comfortable home in Goshen, Ind., about 1902. He was a leading member of the German Reformed Church of Goshen, and as it was Sunday when I was there, he and his pastor insisted that I should preach the morning sermon, which I did, and he was loyal enough to the family name to say that it was a good one. He entertained a good deal, and loved to have young people about him. He enjoyed life and lived to a good old age, passing away Sept. 4th, 1918, lacking only 10 days of 87 years. He was beloved of many people.

VII—(182) Edgar Andrew Platter (s. of George VI; Peter V; Joseph IV; &c.). Born in Ross Co., O., Sept. 17th, 1836. Was a baby when his father removed to Indiana. Grew to manhood in Kosciusko Co. Married Emma I. Squier, daughter of John Squier, at Ligonier, Ind., Sept. 20th, 1860. Wife born May 19th, 1842; died Mar. 16th, 1911. Aug. 6th, 1862, he enlisted in Co. E, 74th Indiana Vol. Inf., and was made first sergeant. Discharged June 9th, 1865, near Washington, D. C. Commissioned as second lieutenant May 1st, 1865. Was engaged in the battles of Missionary Ridge, Murfreesboro, the Wilderness, Chickamauga, and was with Sherman in his march to the sea. He resided at Waterford, Anderson and North Vernon. He was a manufacturer of pumps, and was also engaged in the lumber business. He was a good business man and a highly esteemed citizen. He died at his home in North Vernon, Jennings Co., Ind., Jan. 5th, 1908. He left five children, three sons and two daughters.

VIII—(183) Nellie Edith (d. Edgar A. VII; George VI; Peter V; Joseph IV). Born Oct. 12th, 1861. Unmarried.

VIII—(184) Frank M. (s. Edgar A. VII; George VI; Peter V; Joseph IV; &c.). Born in Waterford Mills, Elkhart Co., Ind., Aug. 15th, 1864. Married twice; first wife, Margaret E. Scott; born Jan. 30th, 1869; married Mar. 3rd, 1890, Noblesville, Ind; died (Margaret) June 2nd, 1909. Second wife, Virginia T. Dreese, daughter of Dr. Chas. L. Dreese, Goshen, Ind.; born Apr. 3rd, 1877; married Mar. 4th, 1911. Manufacturer of furniture and builders' supplies and dealer in hardwood lumber. Places of business, North Vernon, Ind.; Louisville, Ky., and Dyersburg, Tenn. A wide awake, progressive business man, proud of the Platter name and family. He has given me great assistance and encouragement in doing this work. His letters have a good hearty ring to them. He is doing a business of nearly a million a year in hardwood lumber. He resides at North Vernon, Ind., and has three children: Edgar A., Emma I. and Paul.

IX—Edgar A., s. of Frank M.; b. Aug. 21st, 1890; m. Dec. 31st, 1909. Wife's name, Margaret Annette Green; b. Indianapolis, Aug. 23rd, 1892. Occupation, lumber salesman. Lives in North Vernon, Ind. Has three children: Maude Margaret, b. Sept. 8th, 1913; Frank Morton, Jr., b. Mar. 21st, 1916; David Green, b. Dec. 23rd, 1917.



IX—Emma L., d. Frank M.; b. Mar. 6th, 1893; m. Roy A. Grange.

IX—Paul, s. Frank M.; b. Oct. 9th, 1906.

VIII—(185) Charlotte May Platter (d. Edgar Andrew VII). Born Waterford, Elkhart Co., Ind., Aug. 7th, 1866. Married Joseph Campbell Lockwood. Born Eaton, Preble Co., O. Husband engaged in lumber business. Resides in Indianapolis. Has three children:

IX—William Platter Lockwood, b. Sept. 24th, 1890; m. Lucile Caldwell.

IX—George Edgar Lockwood, b. Feb. 27th, 1893; m. Roxie Helen Sims.

IX—Helen Josephine Lockwood, b. Feb. 5th, 1898.

VIII—(186) Charles Elden Platter (s. of Edgar VII). Born Sept. 18, 1868, Waterford Mills, Elkhart Co., Ind. Married Margaret Madison Gray, born in Pittsburg, Pa. Manufacturer of furniture and dealer in hardwood lumber at North Vernon, Ind., where he resides. Has three children:

IX—Ralph Edgar Platter, b. Oct. 4th, 1896.

IX—William David Platter, b. July 9th, 1903.

IX—Mary Margaret Platter, b. Dec. 25th, 1897.

VIII—(187) Orval R. Platter (s. of Edgar VII). Born May 19th, 1877. Married Mabel Grimstedd. No further data.

VII—(188) Sinah J. Platter (d. of George Platter VI; Peter V; Joseph IV). Born Oct. 27th, 1838, at Waterford, Ind. Married John Tintzman, Nov. 5th, 1856. Removed with him to Arkansas in 1884, and died there Oct. 13th, 1910, at the age of 72. Her husband, John Tintzman, was born in Indiana June 25th, 1834, and died in Arkansas Dec. 30th, 1892. To Sinah J. Platter and John Tintzman were born eight children:

VIII—(189) George E. Born July 31st, 1859. Died Dec. 7th, 1877.

VIII—(190) John A. Born Jan. 26th, 1863. Lives at Carlisle, Ark.

VIII—(191) Harry M. Born Apr. 26th, 1868. Died Oct. 9th, 1877.

VIII—(192) Lilly S. Born Sept. 18th, 1870. Married to John H. Perceful Dec. 4th, 1887. Lives near Russelville, Ark.

VIII—(193) Anna K. Born Jan. 24th, 1873. Married Wm. S. Hart, May 22nd, 1892. Lives Agra, Okla.

VIII—(194) Charles H. Born Aug. 7th, 1875. Married Emma L. Hart, Dec. 4th, 1901. Lives at Jennings, Okla. Has two boys and two girls.

VIII—(195) Frank W. Born Sept. 4th, 1877. Died Aug. 3rd, 1878.

VIII—(196) Hattie J. Born Aug. 12th, 1879. Married Will Boyd, Dec. 4th, 1903. Lives near England, Ark. Has three boys and two girls.

VII—Catherine Platter (d. George VI; Peter V; Joseph IV). Born in Ross Co., O., Jan. 1st, 1831. Died in Indiana, Dec. 15th, 1898. Married three times. First marriage to Silas Sparklin, Jan. 6th, 1847. Second



marriage to John McGrew, Jan. 15th, 1867. Third marriage to Wm. E. Stanton, Oct. 7th, 1891. She had six children by her first marriage:

VIII—George B.

VIII—Sarah A.

VIII—A. J.

VIII—Frank A.

VIII—Edgar.

VIII—Mary Jane.

Of these only Frank A. Sparklin is living.

### Peter Platter (VI-20)

VI—(197) Peter Platter, the ninth child of Peter (V) and Sarah Platter, was born near Locust Grove, Adams Co., O., Nov. 21st, 1804. He was married Nov. 4th, 1835, to Mary Ann Clark, the daughter of Joseph Clark. She was born Aug. 19th, 1813. He began his married life in the old homestead on his father's farm in Haller's Bottom, Twin Twp., Ross Co., O. After some years he removed to a farm which he had purchased about a mile and a half south of Anderson, O., where he lived all the remainder of his life. He carried on farming and stock raising on a large scale. His home, "Hillcrest," was delightfully situated at the crest of a high knoll overlooking his farm. He was a good farmer and a good business man, and secured for himself a high degree of prosperity. He was one of the oldest and most influential of the citizens of Ross county, widely known and highly respected and esteemed by everybody. He was a ruling elder in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, later the United Presbyterian Church, and later the Third Presbyterian Church of Chillicothe. He was a man of devout spirit, and family worship was a constant feature of his home life. His first wife, Mary Ann Clark, died March 23rd, 1854. He was married the second time to Sarah A. Nesbitt, Dec. 26th, 1855. She was the daughter of Robert Nesbitt, of Xenia, O., and was born Jan. 25th, 1825, and died Aug. 30th, 1897. Peter Platter led an active life, and continued to the end to manage personally his large farming interests. He died May 23rd, 1891, at the ripe age of 87, and left behind him a revered memory. He had eleven children, seven by his first marriage and four by his second. The children of the first marriage to Mary Ann Clark, were: Corinna, Elizabeth, Cornelius Clark, Alma, Emma, Thomas and Mary. The children of the second marriage to Sarah A. Nesbitt, were: Louie, William, Kate and Peter.

VII—(198) Corinna (d. of Peter VI; Peter V; Joseph IV; Jacob III; &c.). Born in Ross Co., O., Jan. 31st, 1837. Unmarried. Died at "Hillcrest."

VII—(199) Cornelius Clark Platter (s. of Peter VI; Peter V; Joseph IV; &c.). Born April 22nd, 1839, in Ross Co., O. Graduated from Miami University, Oxford, O., class of 1861. He immediately enlisted in the army and served during the whole of the War of the Rebellion. He was with Sherman on his famous march from Atlanta to the sea. He was repeatedly promoted for gallant service, and returned as adjutant of his brigade.



At the conclusion of the war he was honorably discharged and was married Feb. 8th, 1866, to Elizabeth F. Irwin, of Oxford, O., and went to Red Oak, Ia., where he followed the occupation of farmer and stock raiser. He served two terms as a member of the legislature of Iowa, and several terms as postmaster of Red Oak. His death occurred Dec. 30th, 1909; that of his wife Sept. 7th, 1909. He had three children:

VIII—(200) Edward Clark Platter (s. of Cornelius C. VII). Born Forest City, Mo., Mar. 20th, 1869. Lives in Chicago and is engaged in the insurance business. Is at present president of the Chicago Association of Life Underwriters, a tribute to his character and standing among his business associates. He married Martha H. Warner in Chicago, June 15th, 1905. One child; died in infancy.

VIII—(201) Minnie I. (d. Cornelius C. VII). Born in Red Oak, Ia., Oct. 22, 1867.

VIII—(202) Cora (d. Cornelius C. VII). Born Red Oak, Ia., July 29th, 1874. Died Nov. 18th, 1911.

VII—(203) Elizabeth (d. Peter VI; Peter V; Joseph IV; &c.). Born in Ross Co., O., Feb. 22nd, 1841. She married Capt. James McCommon, of Chillicothe, a soldier who had made for himself an honorable record in the Civil war, having lost a leg in battle. They lived after their marriage for a time on the Slate Mills farm, about five miles south of Chillicothe. Afterwards he carried on the business of a jeweler in Chillicothe. Elizabeth Platter McCommon was a splendid woman, beloved by every one who knew her. She had one son, Frank Hudson, who was a member of Roosevelt's Rough Riders in the Spanish-American war. She also had two daughters. The family removed to New Mexico, and Capt. McCommon died there. Mrs. McCommon died some years ago in Los Angeles, Cal., but I have not the date of her death. Her son, Frank Hudson, lives in Los Angeles. Her daughter Mary married Mr. Norfleet, and lives in Los Angeles, Cal.

VII—(204) Thomas Platter (s. of Peter VI; Peter V; Joseph IV; &c.). Born in Ross Co., O., Jan. 13th, 1844. Married Eliza V. Claypool, of Chillicothe, O., Dec. 26th, 1867. Engaged in the wholesale grocery business in Chillicothe for a time; later in same business in Omaha, Neb. Later removed to a farm at Persia, Ia., and engaged in farming and stock raising. His wife was born May 19th, 1849; died Oct. 15th, 1916. He still resides on his farm at Persia, Ia., in good health, at the age of 75, which is still young for the average Platter. We are a sturdy, long-lived race. In a letter recently received from him, he says: "I am satisfied to go back for a hundred years and know that no Platter has been hung or jailed."

VIII—(205) Anna (d. of Thomas Platter VII), was born in Chillicothe, O., Feb. 5th, 1869. Married Henry R. Gould, May, 1888. Resides in Omaha, Neb. They have four children living:

IX—(206) Elizabeth R. Gould (d. Anna VIII; Thomas VII; Peter VI; Peter V; Joseph IV). b. Oct. 11th, 1889; d. July 1st, 1917.

IX—(207) Ruth Gould (d. Anna VIII). b. Feb. 26th, 1891.

IX—(208) Roy M. Gould (s. Anna VIII). b. May 29th, 1893.

IX—(209) Katherine Gould (d. Anna VIII). b. Mar. 28th, 1895.



IX—(210) Edwin Gould (s. Anna VIII). b. July 4th, 1897.

VIII—(211) Bessie Platter (d. Thos. H. VII). Born Feb. 18th, 1873. Died May, 1888.

VII—(212) Alma (d. of Peter Platter VI; Peter V; Joseph IV; Jacob III; &c.). Born in Ross Co., O., Jan. 24th, 1846. Married William Edgar Evans at "Hillcrest," her father's home. Mr. Evans was born in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1845. He served in the Civil war in the 149th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., Co. A. He carried on an extensive fire insurance business in Chillicothe for many years. He and his family were actively identified with the First Presbyterian Church. He was a 33rd degree Mason, and was prominently identified with the work of that order throughout the state. He died at his home in Chillicothe in 1917. Alma Platter Evans was the mother of six children: Peter Platter, Chas. Clark, Carrie Duncan, Walter Lewis, William Edgar and Robert Welch. Carrie Duncan died in infancy. Mrs. Evans is still living in Chillicothe, 171 Caldwell street.

VIII—(213) Peter Platter Evans (s. of Alma Platter Evans VII), was born May 27th, 1870. Graduated as a civil engineer from Ohio State University in 1892. Married Mary E. Harward, near Columbus, O., Sept. 11th, 1894. She was born near Columbus, O., July 2nd, 1869, and was educated at Oberlin College. She was the daughter of Benjamin Harward and Phoebe Morris Clark. P. P. Evans is a member of the firm of the Osborn Engineering Co. of Cleveland, doing a large constructive engineering business in many parts of the country. He is a man of fine character and fine business ability. He is active in church life and is all that constitutes good citizenship. He lives at present on a farm near Twinsburg, O. He had four children, three now living:

IX—(214) Eugene Harward Evans (s. of P. P. Evans VIII- ), b. June 30th, 1895. Graduate of Oberlin College, 1917. Student of Medicine, Cleveland, O. Enlisted May, 1918. Discharged Nov., 1918. Sergeant Field Artillery, from Camp Taylor, Ky. Will continue the study of medicine.

IX—(215) Corinne Phoebe Evans (d. P. P. Evans VIII- ). b. July 19th, 1899. Student in Oberlin College.

IX—(216) Roger Clark Evans (s. P. P. Evans VIII- ). b. Dec. 19th, 1901; d. July 20th, 1916; aged 15.

IX—(217) George Lawrence Evans (s. P. P. Evans VIII- ). b. Apr. 12th, 1906.

VIII—(218) Walter L. Evans (s. of Alma Platter Evans VII; Peter VII; Peter V). Born in Chillicothe, O., July 31st, 1875. Married Sept. 28th, 1899. Name of wife, Mary Olivia Glidden, daughter of Wm. P. H. Glidden, of Cleveland; born Dec. 31st, 1879. Mr. Evans is a cartoonist of wide reputation, and is the head of the W. L. Evans School of Cartooning, Leader Building, Cleveland. He has a charming home on Shaker Heights and has two children.

IX—(219) Winifred Glidden Evans, b. Feb. 8th, 1903.

IX—(220) William Scott Evans, b. May 1st, 1905.

VIII—(221) Charles Clark Evans (s. of Alma Platter VII). Born in Chillicothe, O., April 21, 1872. Married Maude Koehne. Associated with his father in the insurance business. Has . . . . . children.



VIII—(222) William Edgar Evans (s. of Alma Platter VII). Born in Chillicothe, O., 1879. Graduate of Ohio State University in Forestry. Married Lillian Pope, of Cincinnati, O. Two children died in childhood; one child living.

VIII—(223) Robert Welch Evans (s. of Alma Platter VII). Born in Chillicothe, O., 1881. Married Katherine Nye. Lost one child; one living.

VII—(224) Emily (d. of Peter VI; Peter V; Joseph IV; &c.). Born Ross Co., O., June 5th, 1848. Married Gideon Blackstone, of Ross Co., at her father's home, "Hillcrest," Dec., 1870. Moved to Red Oak, Ia., and lived for some years on a farm. Afterwards lived in Red Oak. Mr. Blackstone died in Red Oak in 1917. Emily died in Red Oak about 1901. She had five daughters.

VIII—(224) Mary Blackstone is office manager of the Gerlach-Barklow Co. of Joliet, Ill. A capable business woman.

VIII—(224) Helen A. is a teacher in Seattle, Wash.

VIII—(224) Mabel married Thos. Templeton and lives in Seattle, Wash. Has three children.

VIII—(224) Bessie lives in Red Oak, Ia.

VIII—(224) Ruth is a graduate nurse, and is now in France in government service. Was located close to the front when the fighting was on. Is expected home in June.

VII—(225) Mary Ann (d. of Peter VI; Peter V; Joseph IV; &c.). Born in Ross Co., O., Jan. 17th, 1851. Attended Rogers' Female Seminary, Springfield, O., for two years. Lived for some years at her father's home at "Hillcrest," taking an active part in social and church life. Entered the Woman's Medical College of Philadelphia and graduated in the class of 1893. After serving a term in a hospital she took up post-graduate study at Polyclinic Hospital to further prepare herself for foreign mission work. In Oct., 1894, she sailed for India, to take up the labor of a medical missionary at Sialkot City, near Lahore, under the auspices of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the United Presbyterian Church. After a continuous service there of seven years she returned to the United States. Five years later she went to Porto Rico to take up work in the Presbyterian Hospital at San Juan, but owing to failure of health, returned home after five months of service. Is now living at Chillicothe, O.

VII—(226) Louie (d. of Peter VI; Peter V; Joseph IV; &c.). Born at "Hillcrest," Anderson, O., Oct. 6th, 1856. Lived for some years after the death of her father and mother at Hillcrest; she and her sister Kate and Brother Peter carrying on the farm. Lives now at 200 W. Second St., Chillicothe, O. Active in church and philanthropic work.

VII—(227) William (s. of Peter VI; Peter V; Joseph IV; &c.). Born March 19th, 1858. Died in childhood.

VII—(228) Kate K. (d. of Peter VI; Peter V; Joseph IV; &c.). Born at "Hillcrest" Dec. 25th, 1859. The two sisters, Louie and Kate K., maintain their own home at 200 W. Second St., Chillicothe. They are prominently identified with the activities of the First Presbyterian Church.

VII—(229) Peter (s. of Peter VI; Peter V; Joseph IV; &c.). Born June 10th, 1866. Unmarried. Died Jan. 11th, 1906.



## The Kane Family

VI—(230) Katherine Platter (d. of Peter V; Joseph IV). Born near Locust Grove, Adams Co., O., Feb. 6th, 1807. Married June 10th, 1834. Name of husband, George Kane, who was born in Washington Co., Pa., in 1801. He was the son of Stephen Kane, the son of Jan Patrick O'Kane, and from this last name I judge that he was of Scotch-Irish descent. A great many of the early settlers of Adams county were of this sturdy stock. They were well grounded in religion and morality and made excellent citizens. The Kanes lived at Eckmansville, Adams Co., till about 1845, and all of their seven children were born there. From there they moved to Tipton, Ind., and lived there till the death of Aunt Katherine, July 28th, 1863. One of the bright memories of my own early boyhood is that of a visit of a week which Aunt Katherine Kane and Aunt Sarah Clark made at my father's home in the fifties. They were two noble Christian women. After the death of his wife, George Kane moved to Warrensburg, Mo., and lived there till his death in 1887, at the age of 86. To Katherine Platter and George Kane were born seven children:

VII—(231) Peter Platter Kane (Katherine VI-21). Born 1835. Died 1853. Aged 18 years.

VII—(232) Thomas Kane (s. of Catherine Platter VI; Peter V; Joseph IV). Born near Eckmansville, Adams Co., O., in 1837. Removed with his father's family to Tipton Co., Ind., about 1847, where he grew to manhood on a farm. Married Miss Adeline Bickle in Tipton, Ind., in 1860. She was the daughter of James Hughes Bickle and was born in Fincastle, Battetourt Co., Va., in 1836. Mr. Kane engaged in business for a time after his marriage in Tipton, where three children were born to them. Of these they were bereaved by that dreaded disease of childhood, diphtheria. About 1868 he removed to Chicago and engaged in business. The great fire in 1872 swept away everything, but with characteristic Chicago courage he began again, and built up a large and successful business, manufacturing and selling church and school furniture, under the firm name of Thomas Kane & Co. He was for many years an honored elder in the Third Presbyterian Church of Chicago, and an influential man in the counsels of the church at large. He was one of the organizers and has continued one of the consistent supporters of the Winona Assembly movement at Warsaw, Ind. A firm believer in the Old Testament law of tithing as the governing principle in all benevolence, he has published and distributed gratis, amongst all Christian churches, a vast amount of literature, advocating this system. He has himself practiced it and given away large sums of money in assisting every good cause. He has been a well known contributor to the Continent, and is one of the best known laymen in the Presbyterian Church. His life has been one of large usefulness and unselfish devotion to the best things. Mrs. Kane, a woman of splendid Christian character, and greatly beloved by all who knew her, passed away in their home in Evanston, Ill., in 1917. Four children were born in Chicago, three of whom died in childhood:

VIII—Frank Bickle Kane, b. 1862, d. in childhood, in Tipton, Ind.

VIII—Blanche Catherine, b. 1864; d. in childhood, in Tipton, Ind.

VIII—Harriet Emma, b. 1866, d. in childhood, in Tipton, Ind.



- VIII—William Thomas, b. 1868, d. in childhood, in Chicago.
- VIII—Howard Monfort, b. 1870, d. in childhood, in Chicago.
- VIII—Gertrude Adeline, b. 1875, d. in childhood, in Chicago.
- VIII—(233) Theodosia Kane. Born in Chicago in 1879. Daughter of Thos. Kane. Graduated from the University of Chicago in the class of 1900. Married Merle F. Ashbaugh, son of William Follner Ashbaugh, in St. Joseph, Mo., in 1907. Resides in Riverside, Cal.
- VII—(234) Sarah Elizabeth (d. of Katherine Platter VI-21). Born Eckmansville, O., Feb. 3, 1839. Married David Barnett and lived in Iowa. Died in 1875.
- VII—(235) Mary Margaret (d. of Katherine Platter VI-21). Born Eckmansville, O., Jan. 29th, 1841. Married Alfred L. Sharp, Aug. 2, 1864. Lives near Kokomo, Ind. Have not obtained record of her family.
- VII—(236) Aurelia J. Jane (d. of Katherine Platter VI-21). Born Eckmansville, O., Feb. 4th, 1843. She was married to Washington P. Gates, son of Uriah Gates, at Kokomo, Ind., June 6th, 1867. They lived on a farm near Tipton, Ind. Mr. Gates was born in Indianapolis in 1833, and died in Tipton in 1918. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gates.
- VIII—(237) Leonidas Kane (s. of Aurelia VII; Katherine VI-21). Born Aug., 1872. Died 1877. Aged 5 years.
- VIII—(238) Ottoman Penn (s. of Aurelia VII; Katherine VI-21). Born Oct., 1874. Died 1893. Aged 19 years.
- VIII—(239) Joseph Ralph (s. of Aurelia VII; Katherine Platter VI-21). Born Nov., 1876. Married Nannie Daily.
- VIII—(240) John Chandler Gates (s. of Aurelia VII; Katherine Platter VI-21). Born Dec. 18th, 1879. Married Bertie Lay.
- VIII—(241) Henrietta M. Gates (d. of Aurelia VII; Katherine Platter VI-21). Born Apr., 1882. Married W. Carle Harper.
- VIII—(242) Thomas Alfred Gates (s. of Aurelia VII; Katherine Platter VI-21). Born May, 1884. Married Lena Hodson.
- VII—(243) Katherine Rebecca Kane (d. of Katherine Platter VI-21). Born 1845, Eckmansville, O. Married Seymour Fitch in 1884. Resides in Kansas City.
- VII—(244) Susan Emma Kane (d. of Katherine Platter VI-21). Born Eckmansville, O., 1848. Unmarried.

## Christian Platter VI.

VI—(245) Christian Platter (s. of Peter V; Joseph IV; &c.). Born near Locust Grove, Adams Co., O., Feb. 29th, 1809. First marriage to Margaret Ann Morris. Lived on a farm near Bourneville, Ross Co., O. There were three children by the first marriage: Sarah, Phoebe, Julia. Second marriage to Jane Emily Taylor, of Bainbridge, Ross Co., O. By this marriage there was one son, James Edward. Christian Platter died at the early age of 36. His widow, Emily Taylor Platter, was afterwards married to General Houston, of Xenia, O., and late in life was left a widow the second time. She was one of the choice Christian spirits of this world. She



made her home during the last years of her life with the widow of her son James, at Wooster, O., and passed into her rest at a good old age. Children of first marriage three:

VII—(246) Sarah (d. of Christian VI; Peter V; Joseph IV). Born in Ross Co., O. Unmarried. Died in Xenia, O.

VII—(247) Phoebe E. (d. of Christian; &c.). Born in Ross Co., O., June 4th, 1837. Married Sept. 16th, 1856, to John G. Hamill, of Lancaster, O. Was left a widow with three children. Lived for some years in Chillicothe; afterwards in Kingston, Ross Co.; died there Nov. 10th, 1906. Her three children were:

VIII—(248) Margaret Morris. Born Dec. 15th, 1857. Married Nolan N. Gartner, of Chillicothe, O. Lives in Huntington, W. Va. No children.

VIII—(249) Mary Emily. Born Mar. 7th, 1860. Married Wm. R. Whitney.

VIII—(250) Allan Wendell Hamill. Born Nov. 28th, 1861. Married first, Lizzie T. Lord, June 9th, 1892; died Mar. 31, 1895. Married second, Clara Louise Gorslem, Jan. 7th, 1907. Secretary and treasurer Yeughters-Kramer Co., Wholesale Grocers, Chillicothe, O. One child, Robert Lord Hamill; born Mar. 11th, 1895.

VII—(251) Julia (d. of Christian VI; Peter V; Joseph IV). Born Ross Co., O. Married Judge Harvey Cooper, Xenia, O. Judge Cooper died May 28th, 1892. Mrs. Cooper died in Xenia, O. She left one daughter. Record incomplete.

VII—(252) James Edward, child of 2nd marriage (s. of Christian VI; Peter V; Joseph IV). Born Sept. 29th, 1845, near Chillicothe, O. Attended Miami University two years. Graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, O., class of 1867. Alpha Delta Phi fraternity. Graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary, class of 1870. Married Nannie J. McCommon, of Chillicothe, O., May 19th, 1870. Ordained by the Presbytery of Troy, N. Y., Sept. 26th, 1870, and installed as pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Sandy Hill, N. Y., the same day. Removed to Winfield, Cowley Co., Kan., in 1873, and for some years did the pioneer work of a home missionary in that county. Organized a Presbyterian Church in Winfield, preaching his first sermon May 11th, 1873, and was installed as pastor of the church by Emporia Presbytery in April, 1878. Preached his last sermon May 6th, 1883. Died of typhoid fever June 12th, 1883. His work as a minister was very successful in Winfield, and he was a very much beloved man in his life and greatly lamented in his early death. His widow, Nannie J. Platter, lives in Wooster, O. Six children were born to them:

VIII—(253) Houston (s. of James VII; Christian VI). Born Mar. 24th, 1871, at Sandy Hill, N. Y. Graduated from Wooster University, class of 1896. Member Beta Theta Pi fraternity. Also Beta Delta Beta. Graduate McCormick Theological Seminary, class 1889. After graduation became pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati, O. Died suddenly of heart failure while sitting at his study table Apr. 26th, 1891. Was just entering upon what promised to be a very useful life.

VIII—(254) Belle Taylor Platter (d. of James Edward VII; Christian VI). Born Sept. 30th, 1873, in Winfield, Kan. Name of husband,



Rev. W. Hamill Shields, D. D., pastor of the Presbyterian churches of Middletown, O.; Hillsboro, O., and now at Mt. Vernon, O. Mrs. Hamill is a model wife for a pastor. They have three children.

IX—Margaret.

IX—James.

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VIII—(255) Margaret Platter Brown (d. of James Edward VII; Christian VI). Born May 12th, 1875, in Winfield, Kan. Graduate Lake Erie College for Women. Married 1907. Name of husband, Lester Dorman Brown, of Hotchkiss School, Lakeville, Conn. Mr. Brown was the son of H. W. Brown, of Williamsport, Pa. Born Feb. 12th, 1874. Professor in Hotchkiss School. Margaret Platter Brown is a charming, cultured woman.

VIII—(256) James Edward (s. of James Edward VII). Born July 12th, 1877. Died in childhood.

VIII—(257) Robert Irwin Platter (s. of James Edward VII; Christian VI). Born June 11th, 1880. Graduated at Wooster University. Graduated at Lane Theological Seminary. Ordained as a Presbyterian minister. First pastorate, Winchester, O.; second, Auburn, Ind. Married Florence Christy, daughter of Samuel Christy, of Greensburg, Decatur Co., Ind. Is now pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Shreve, Wayne Co., O. Has two children:

IX—(258) Florence Louise Platter, b. Aug. 18th, 1910.

IX—(259) Robert Christy Platter, b. Mar. 21st, 1912.

VIII—(260) Emily Jane (d. of James Edward VII; Christian VI). Born Oct. 17th, 1883. Died in childhood.

## John Platter (VI-261)

VI—(261) John Platter, the twelfth child of Peter V-1 and Sarah Platter, was born in Twin Twp., Ross Co., O., Apr. 26th, 1812. With the approval and assistance of his father, he purposed obtaining a college education, and for three years attended preparatory schools at Chillicothe, Ripley and Monroe, but while at the latter school a severe and prolonged illness, and the death of both his father and mother during his absence from home, terminated his hopes in that direction. He was married to Mary Davis at her father's home near Locust Grove, in Adams Co., Nov. 9th, 1836. She was the daughter of John Davis and Barbara Wickerham, and the granddaughter of Peter Wickerham and Mary Platter V (Joseph IV; Jacob II; Michael II, Michael I). They lived for the first five years of their married life on a farm in Ross County, and two of their children, Andrew and Joseph, were born there. He then bought a farm on Brush Creek, in Adams County, about one mile west of Fristoe's crossing. In 1850 he bought a farm of 240 acres in Franklin township, about three miles to the south of Locust Grove, and lived there for more than 40 years in comfort and prosperity. With some of their children and a company of friends they observed their fiftieth anniversary in the old homestead, Nov. 9th, 1886. He sold his farm a little later and removed to the town of Peebles, and lived there in retirement till his death, Aug. 11th, 1899, in the 87th year of his age. He was an elder in the United



Presbyterian Church and in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, out of which it sprang, for more than 50 years. He was a man of deep and abiding religious faith, and he lived a long life of devotion to the highest principles of human conduct. The large concourse of neighbors and friends that followed him to his grave bore testimony to the esteem in which he was held by the people among whom he had lived for so many years. Mary Davis Platter was a woman of remarkable energy and industry, a born housekeeper and home-maker. She was a devoted Christian and a devoted mother. She loved to entertain her friends, and during the days of her strength the old home on the farm was the scene of many a happy gathering. She passed into rest July 19th, 1905, aged 90 years. To John and Mary Platter were born seven children: Andrew Clark, Joseph, Sarah Jane, John Davis, David Edwin, Anna Barbara and Julia. Anna Barbara and Julia died in infancy, each at the age of about three years.

VII—(262) Andrew Clark Platter (John VI; Peter V; Joseph IV; Jacob III; Michael II; Michael I). Born Sept. 15th, 1837, in Ross Co., O. He was married Aug. 21st, 1862, to Nancy Margaret Glasgow, daughter of Anderson Glasgow, of Seamen, Adams Co., O. He removed to Johnson Co., Mo., near Holden, where through a long lifetime, he and his sons carried on large farming operations. He and his family were members of the Presbyterian Church of Holden. About 1912 he sold his farm and retired to Holden to spend the remainder of his days. His wife died Feb. 17th, 1916, at the age of 72. He is still living with his daughter Stella in Holden, at the age of 82. He had a family of eight children, as follows: Joseph Glasgow, Walter Edwin, Gertrude Irene, Mary Etta, Harry Leslie, Stella Jane, Francis Clyde, John Anderson, born Nov. 20th, 1867, died Nov. 20th, 1872.

VIII—(263) Joseph Glasgow Platter (Andrew VII) was born near Seamen, Adams Co., O., April 24th, 1863. He married Minnie Hay, a descendant of Peter Hay and Christiana Platter. He is a farmer, living near Holden, Mo.

VIII—(264) Walter Edwin Platter (Andrew VIII) was born near Seamen, Adams Co., O., Aug. 17th, 1865. Married Etta Nawgel. Farmer, living near Holden, Mo. Has one child, Kathryn, born Jan. 5th, 1916.

VIII—(265) Gertrude Irene Platter (Andrew VII) was born in Johnson Co. Mo., Feb. 14th, 1870. Married William Strange. Has three children: Jessie Clark, born Nov. 22nd, 1897; S. J., born Oct. 25th, 1900; La Verne, born July 10th, 1903. Lives in or near Holden, Mo.

VIII—(266) Mary Etta Platter (Andrew VII). Born Johnson Co., Mo., July 4th, 1872. Married Milton Hank. . . . . Lives . . . . . Has . . . . . children.

VIII—(267) Harry Leslie Platter (Andrew VII). Born Johnson Co., Mo., Jan. 24th, 1875. Married Lizzie Andres . . . . . Lives Pittsburgh, Kan. Has two children, Margaret Elizabeth, born April 22nd, 1907, Joseph Leslie, born Nov. 20th, 1909.

VIII—(268) Stella Jane (Andrew VII). Born Mar. 15th, 1879. Lives with her father in Holden, Mo.

VIII—(269) Francis Clyde (Andrew VII). Born June 18th, 1881, Johnson Co., Mo. Married Bessie Atherton, . . . . . Lives near Holden, Mo. Farmer. Has . . . . . children.



VII—(270) Joseph Platter (John VI-23, Peter V, Joseph IV, Jacob III, Michael II, Michael I). Born Ross Co., Feb. 5th, 1839. Soldier in Civil War. Saw hard service in Kentucky, Tennessee and Georgia. Belonged to the Second Ohio Heavy Artillery. Lived for some years in Johnson Co., Mo. Farmer. Lives now in Peebles, Adams Co., O. Retired. Elder in the United Presbyterian Church. Married Ruth Hamilton, daughter of Norval Hamilton, Oct. 25th, 1865. Ruth Hamilton died Johnson Co., Mo., Aug. 23rd, 1871. Married Catherine Smith, . . . . ., 1874. Catherine Smith died Sept. 15th, 1882. Married Jerusha Stark, Williamsburg, Brown Co., O., May 19th, 1897. Is in good health at the age of 80. Has 4 living children; 2 dead.

VIII—(271) Myrta May (Joseph VII). Born Nov. 11, 1866, Adams Co., O.

IX—(271) Married J. W. Yankee, Peebles Ohio, in 1889. Lived in Newark, Ohio. Lives now in Akron, Ohio. Has 8 children: 1—Mary Ellen, born 1891, married J. M. Foster 1909, 3 children, James, Thomas, Nancy; residence, Akron, O. 2—James, unmarried, born 1892. 3—Joseph McKinley, born 1893, married Ida Bucy 1915, 2 children, Mark W., Glen N.; residence Chillicothe, O. 4—John Harrison, born 1895, married Theresa Arsmann 1918; soldier in France. 5—Mark Hanna, born 1896, married Elizabeth Upholt 1919; residence Akron, O. 6—Ruth Lorraine, born 1899, married Louis Kasterlane 1916; residence Newark, O. 7—Lemuel Stark, born 1908. 8—Elizabeth, born May 6, 1911.

VIII—(272) Mary A. (Joseph VII). Born in Missouri March 23rd, 1871. Married Truman Rees of Winchester, O., . . . . . Has a son, James Rees, with the American Expeditionary Forces in France. Has a daughter, Wenona Rees, living at Winchester, O.

VIII—(273) Clarence Clifford Platter (Joseph VII). Born near Peebles, O., Sept. 15th, 1876. Married Nora Eubanks, Oct. 18th, 1902. Lived for some years on a farm in Oklahoma. Lives now in Wichita, Kansas. Has 7 children:

IX—(274) Ruby May, born Dec. 8th, 1903. Jerusha Irene, born Aug. 5th 1905. Cora Alta, born April 2nd, 1907. Harley Clifford, born Dec. 12th, 1909. Leroy, born Nov. 27th, 1911. Vernon Edward, born Nov. 20th, 1914. Silva Juanita, born Nov. 13th, 1918.

VIII—(275) Cora (Joseph VII). Born Peebles, O., Oct. 5th, 1878. Married Dr. John Oscar Ralston, Peebles, O., Dec. 29th, 1897. Lived for some years in Oklahoma City. Lives now in Houston, Texas. Husband, physician. Four children; 3 living; 1 dead:

IX—(276) Harold Eugene, born Oct. 4th, 1901. Mildred Lorene, born Oct. 4th, 1905. Neva Harriet, born Oct. 25th, 1908; died April 18th, 1907. Joseph Wesley, born Nov. 29th, 1915.

VIII—(277) Iva Alta (Joseph VII). Born Sept. 11th, 1887. Married Frank Culter. Died in Cincinnati, O., 1909, leaving one child.

VII—(278) Sarah Jane Platter (John VI-23). Born April 19th, 1842, near Locust Grove, O. Married John D. Vandeman at her father's home near Locust Grove, O., Oct. 26th, 1865. John Vandeman was the son of William Vandeman of Mt. Leigh, Adams Co., O. Enlisting in the



army during the Civil War, he was taken prisoner at Harper's Ferry. After being exchanged, he re-enlisted and served as a First Lieutenant in the 2nd Ohio Heavy Artillery till the close of the war. He was born on Nov. 19th, 1837, and is now in the 82nd year of his age, and Mrs. Vandeman in her 77th. They lived for some years after their marriage at Mt. Leigh, in Adams Co., on a farm. Then they moved to Ashland, Neb., where they are living at the present time. They are prominent members of the Congregational Church of Ashland, and identified with all its activities. They have one daughter.

VIII—(279) Ella Edna (Sarah Jane VII). Born Mt. Leigh, O., April 19th, 1871. Married Willis M. Butler, Ashland, Neb., Oct. 19, 1893. Mr. Butler is a dry goods merchant in Ashland, Neb. They have two children, Hazel, and Dwight Willis.

IX—(280) Hazel Butler (Ella Edna VIII) (Sarah John VII) was born Sept. 12th, 1894, in Ashland, Neb. Married Eugene Adams, Sept. 6th, 1916. They have one child, Ruth Edna Adams, born July 15th, 1917. They live in Omaha, Neb. Mr. Adams is an architect.

IX—(281) Dwight Willis Butler (Ella Edna VIII) (Sarah Jane VII). Born Sept. 22nd, 1896. Enlisted in Aerial Service October, 1918, and was in training at Ft. Sill in Oklahoma.

VII—(282) John Davis Platter (John VI; Peter V; Joseph IV; Jacob III; Michael II; Michael I). Was born on a farm on Brush Creek, near Fristoe's Crossing, near the present site of Peebles, O., where he now lives, on April 6th, 1846. He was married Nov. 13th, 1867, to Mary Copeland, daughter of Chambers Copeland, of Cynthiana. Mary Copeland was born April 4th, 1846. After their marriage they lived for some years in Locust Grove, O., where he was engaged in the dry goods business. When the Norfolk and Virginia R. Ry. was built a town site was established at Peebles, and he removed to that place and erected one of the first business houses in the place. He has continued in the hardware and farming implement business ever since, and is one of the most respected and substantial citizens of the town. At the age of 18 he was called out in the 100-day service, during the Civil War, and spent 3 months with his regiment in West Virginia doing garrison duty. He and his family are members of the United Presbyterian Church of Peebles, of which he is an Elder. He is now in his 73rd year. Five children were born to John and Mary Platter.

VIII—(283) Edwin Raymond Platter (John D. VII; John VI, Peter V; Joseph V; etc.). Was born Sept. 22nd, 1868, near Locust Grove, O. Died in Omaha, Neb., in 1912, where he was living at the time. He represented the McCormick Harvester Co. for some years.

VIII—(284) Anna Platter (John D. VII; John VI; Peter V; Joseph IV; etc.). Born Dec. 23rd, 1871, Locust Grove, O. Married Carey A. Watts in Peebles, O., Sept. 25th, 1895. Mr. Watts keeps a general store in Peebles, and is the leading merchant of the town. He was Postmaster of the town for 9 years, is an ardent Republican, and he and his wife are identified with all the activities of the Methodist Church of the place. They have 4 children.

IX—(285) Mack Platter Watts (Anna VIII) was born in 1898. He is at present a student of the Senior year in Ohio Wesleyan University.



Delaware, Ohio, and will graduate next June. Is a member of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

IX—(286) Anna Ruth Watts (Anna Platter VIII) was born in Peebles, O., in 1900. She is at present a student in O. W. U., Delaware, O.

IX—(287) Olive Louise Watts (Anna Platter VIII) was born in 1906.

IX—(288) Helen Virginia Watts (Anna Platter VIII) was born in 1908.

VIII—(289) Winfred Platter (John D. VII) was born in Locust Grove, O., Dec. 24th, 1873. Married Lena Yankee in Peebles, O., March 19th, 1895. Was with his father in the hardware business in Peebles for some years. Is now living in Cincinnati. His wife died in . . . . . He has two children, Mary and Hugh.

IX—(290) Mary Platter (Winfred VIII; John VII; John VI; Peter; Joseph IV; etc.). Married Jack Marriott of Toledo, O., and is now living in Cleveland, O.

IX—(291) Hugh Platter (Winfred VIII). Born Sept. 28, 1902. Student in High School in Peebles, O.

VIII—(292) Susan Ethel Platter (John D. VII; John VI; Peter V; Joseph IV; etc.). Born in Locust Grove, O., Nov. 30th, 1879. Attended Oxford College for Women, Oxford, O.; Northwestern Normal School, Ada, O.; graduated from Ohio State Normal School, Kent, Ohio. Has been a teacher in the Public Schools of East Cleveland for five years.

VIII—(293) Mary Blanche Platter (John D. VII; John VI; Peter V; Joseph IV). Born at Peebles, O., June 4th, 1884. Married Bruce M. Davidson, son of Rev. Mr. Davidson, Feb. 22nd, 1906. They live in Columbus, O., where Mr. Davidson is employed in the Post Office. They have 3 children.

IX—(294) Mary Alice (Blanche), born Oct. 30th, 1906.

IX—(294) Melvin Platter (Blanche), born May 21st, 1909.

IX—(294) Dorothy (Blanche), born Dec. 24th, 1910.

VII—(295) David Edwin Platter (John VI; Peter V; Joseph IV; etc.). Born on a farm on Brush Creek, near Fristoe's Crossing, about 3 miles from Peebles, O., Jan. 25th, 1849. A. B. Miami University, 1871; B. D. Lane Theological Seminary 1874; A. M. Miami University 1881; ordained Presbyterian ministry 1874; married Susan R. Hutchings, Paget Bermuda, at Mt. Hope, N. J., Dec. 18th, 1877; pastor 1st Presbyterian Church, Rockaway, N. J., 1874-1881; pastor 1st Presbyterian Church, Canton, O., 1881-1890; gave up work of pastorate on account of failure of health. Treasurer Macalester College, St. Paul, Minn., 1890-1893; general agent, Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co., Chicago, 1894-1902; manager Prudential Life Insurance Co., Cleveland, O., 1902-1905; director Western Theological Seminary, 1880; with Tillotson and Wolcott Co., Investment Bankers, Cleveland, O., 1913-1919; member Phi Delta Theta Fraternity; City Club, Cleveland; home, 1896 Grasmere, East Cleveland, O. Susan R. Hutchings, wife of David E. Platter, was instantly killed in auto collision in Cleveland, Oct.

*Author of this book.*



16th, 1918. The Euclid Ave. Presbyterian Church Bulletin contained this item: "Called to lay-down life's cares and joys, at a moment's notice, with no opportunity for a parting word, Mrs. Platter was taken from among us. Her generous nature, her cordial greeting, her capable touch, and active co-operation, are missed on every hand. Her fine abilities made her a leader among our women, and we hear many saying today, 'How we miss Mrs. Platter.' Gifted with a rare personality, she lived a beautiful life, and left to those who loved her, the memory of a gracious, lovable woman."

VIII—(296) Edwin Hutchings Platter (David VII; John VI; Peter V; Joseph IV; etc.). Born Rockaway, N. J., Feb. 27th, 1880. Lake View High School, Chicago. Married Beulah Bastien, Chicago, Ill., May 30th, 1912. Lives 7504 Teasdale Ave., University City, St. Louis, Mo. Is sales manager for the Lambert Pharmacal Co., manufacturers of Listerine and Listerine products, St. Louis, Mo.

VIII—(297) Matson Williams Platter (David VII, John VI; Peter V; Joseph IV; etc.). Born in Canton, O., Oct. 4th, 1882; Lake View High School, Chicago; Northwestern University; Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Died, Cleveland, O., Dec. 3rd, 1903, aged 21.

VIII—(298) Francis Bonnell Platter (David VII; John VI; Peter V; Joseph IV). Born Canton, O., July 5th, 1887. Winona Institute; Wooster Academy. Married Josephine Scott Fisher (Vassar), daughter of Henry Waldo Fisher, in Cleveland, O., June 7, 1913. In the employ of the White Automobile Co. Lives at 1896 Grasmere St., East Cleveland, O.

*He gave this book to Nancy Platter Pittman*  
**Andrew Platter VI**

VI—(299) Andrew Platter (son of Peter V; Joseph IV; Jacob III; etc.). Thirteenth child of Peter and Sarah Platter, born in Twin Twp., Ross Co., O., Jan. 15th, 1816. When a young man he went to Iowa, in company with the West boys, and took up a prairie farm near Villisca. I spent a week in his home in 1873, and recounting to me some of the hardships endured during those days of pioneering, he said that while he had succeeded in winning through to success he had to pay the price. At that time his farm of four hundred acres was in a fine state of cultivation, and he was living in comfort and prosperity. He remained single till the age of forty, when he was married to Mrs. Elizabeth Barrett West, the widow of John West, at St. Joseph, Mo., Sept. 27th, 1867. She was the daughter of Richard L. Barrett, of Hillsboro, O. He was an elder in the Presbyterian Church of Villisca, a man of fine Christian character, and held in high esteem by all who knew him. He died at his home near Villisca, Jan. 19th, 1875, in the 59th year of his age. He was survived by his widow and two daughters.

VII—(300) Wilma Platter (daughter of Andrew VI; Peter V). Born Dec. 9th, 1868. Married Walter Ellis. Was residing in Red Oak, Ia., when last heard from.

VII—(301) Sarah Platter (daughter of Andrew VI; Peter V; Joseph IV). Born Feb. 29th, 1872. Married Adrian Taylor, Aug. 10th, 1898. Villisca, Iowa. Has one child.

VIII—(302) Andrew Platter Taylor. (Son of Sarah VII; Andrew VI; Peter V; Joseph IV). Born June 1st, 1899.

The above record of the family of Andrew Platter dates back to 1902, and I have nothing later.



## Descendants of Christian Platter (V-6 & 303)

VI—(303) Barbara Platter (daughter of Christian V; Joseph IV). She was the oldest child and was born in Washington Co., Pa., probably in 1788. She grew to womanhood in her father's home near Bainbridge, Ross Co., O., and was married to George Stockton. My best information is that they made their home in Ross Co., O. I have not the date of the death of either Barbara Stockton or her husband. Of this union there were two children:

VII—(304) David Stockton, who had 2 children:

VIII—(305) John (son of David, living). One child died.

VII—(306) Joseph Platter Stockton, son of Barbara Platter VI. Married Emily Brown, of Somerset, O., daughter of Rev. Joseph S. Brown. Had two children, Ida and George.

VIII—(307) Ida Stockton, daughter Joseph Platter Stockton. Married Robert Samuel Raymond. Is a widow. Lives Columbus, O. Has 3 children:

IX—(308) Maud Raymond. Married Dr. Earl E. Gaver, now in France in the service of his country. Lives in Columbus, O.

IX—(309) Mabel Raymond. Lives with mother in Columbus.

IX—(310) Stockton Raymond. Married Helen Houston. Resides in Columbus, O.

VI—(311) Catherine Platter (daughter of Christian V; Joseph IV). Probably born in Washington Co., Pa., about 1790. Married Thomas McCague at her father's home in Bainbridge, O., about 1810. They made their home in Ripley, Brown Co., O., and died there, Mr. McCague going first. Thos. McCague owned and operated a flour mill in Ripley, bought wheat from the farmers of Brown Co., ground it and sold the product to the trade. The family were affiliated with the Associate Reformed Church; later with the Presbyterian. Aunt Kittie McCague, as she was widely known, was a very positive character, and had well defined religious convictions. She was a widow for many years. I spent a day in her home in 1871, when I was a student in Miami University, and I remember her very well as she appeared then, a dignified, forceful woman. She had two sons:

VII—(312) William McCague (son of Catherine Platter VI; Christian V). Five children:

VIII—(313) Mary. Married Mr. McElroy. Lives at Greeley, Col.

VIII—(314) Kate. (Have no record.)

VIII—(315) Agnes. (Have no record.)

VIII—(316) Henry. (Have no record.)

VIII—(318) Thomas. (Have no record.)

VII—(319) George McCague (son of Catherine Platter VI; Christian V). Was a banker in Ripley, O., for many years; man of fine character, and excellent business reputation. Died a bachelor.

There are members of the McCague family in Omaha and in Pittsburgh.



VI—(320) Sarah Platter (daughter of Christian V; Joseph IV). Born near Lexington, Ky., Aug. 2, 1794. Married Aug. 29th, 1820, at Bainbridge, O. Name of husband, Joseph Wright, born near Belfast, County Down, Ireland, Feb. 16th, 1793. Died Lockbourne, Pickaway Co., O., Nov. 3, 1871. Sarah Platter Wright and her husband lived on their farm in the northwest corner of Madison Twp., Pickaway Co., O., all their married lives. Her death occurred June 29th, 1864, in the 70th year of her age. The family were identified with the Presbyterian Church. She was the mother of 8 children:

VII—(321) Mary Ann Wright (daughter of Sarah Platter VI). Born Sept. 23rd, 1821. Married Jonathan Platter Hay (see Hay family), Aug. 13th, 1844, son of Christina Platter and Peter Hay, died Nov. 6th, 1910. One child: Jonathan Hay, born July 17th, 1845.

VII—(322) Sarah Jane Wright (daughter of Sarah Platter VI). Unmarried.

VII—(323) Eliza Wright (daughter of Sarah Platter VI). Born April 19th, 1827. Married James Inskip Vause.

VII—(324) William Wright (son of Sarah Wright VI). Born Mar. 22nd, 1830. Married 1st, Caroline Wimp; married 2nd, Eliza Baum.

VII—(325) Joseph Platter Wright (son of Sarah Platter VI). Born Aug. 28th, 1832. Married 1st, Mary Baum; married 2nd, Sarah Long; married 3rd, Elizabeth Todd.

VII—(326) Andrew Wright (son of Sarah Platter VI). Born Sept. 10th, 1835. Never married.

VII—(327) David Wright (son of Sarah Platter VI). Born June 17th, 1838. Died in infancy.

VII—(328) John Christian Wright (son of Sarah Platter VI). April 4th, 1841. Married Julia Ann Kerns, at Amanda, Fairfield Co., Nov. 19th, 1879. She was born April 8th, 1848, and was the daughter of Geo. Kerns and Mary Stucky. Always lived at the old Wright home place, where his father settled in 1820. P. O. Address, Lockbourne, O. Has three children:

VIII—(329) Bertha L. Wright. Born Dec. 5th, 1880. Married Clarence B. Noecker.

VIII—(330) Geo. K. Wright. Born May 1st, 1885. Married Clara S. Reber.

VIII—(331) Walter W. Wright. Born June 12th, 1887. Married Marie Alspaugh.

VI—(332) Mary Platter (daughter of Christian V). Born near Lexington, Ky., about 1795 or 6. Always known as Polly Platter. Married Joseph G. White. Had five children:

VII—(334) Mary White (daughter of Mary Platter VI). Married Mr. Fenton. Lived in Decatur, Ill.

VII—(335) Kate White (daughter of Mary Platter VI). Married Judge James Sloane, who lived and died at Hillsboro, O.

VII—(336) Anne White (daughter of Mary Platter VI). Married Governor Richard Oglesby of Decatur, Ill.

VII—(337) Harriet (daughter of Mary Platter VI). Married Frank Hayes, of Decatur, Ill.



VII—(338) Golson White (son of Mary Platter VI). Died a bachelor.

VI—(339) Joseph Platter (son of Christian V; Joseph IV). Born near Lexington, Ky., about 1797. I have not the date of his birth, and I am not sure whether he was older or younger than his brother Andrew. He married Jane Slee, whose parents, I think, came from Virginia. Lived on the old homestead of his father, near Bainbridge, all his life. I recall some pleasant days spent in his home in 1870. They were a very genial, hospitable old couple, living in quiet ease and contentment in their old age. Joseph Platter died about 1872. His widow lived 20 or more years after his death, passing on about 1905. One son was born to them:

VII—(340) Charles Platter (son of Joseph VI; Christian V). Enlisted in the army in 1861, and died in early manhood in the service.

VI—(341) Andrew Platter (s. of Christian V; Joseph IV). Born near Lexington, Ky., July 31st, 1798. Came to Ross county, O., with his parents in early boyhood. Married Hannah Decker, daughter of Luke Decker and Ives Fox, about 1827. He lived on a farm near Bainbridge, of 400 acres, 200 acres of which consisted of the fertile soil of the Paint Valley, and 200 of hill land that raised hoop-poles and tanbark. He devoted himself to farming and stock raising. He also owned a mill with a water right on Paint Creek, a grist mill as it was called in those days. Many of the poor from the Sunfish Hills found their way to the mill, with a small measure of wheat in one end of the sack and a stone in the other end for ballast, as it was carried on the back of a horse. Not a few came to the mill with an empty sack, but the generous hearted miller never allowed the poor to go away with their sack empty.

In 1862 he disposed of his farm, taking in part payment 2400 acres of land in Missouri, and in the spring of 1863, he removed with his family to Chillicothe in that state. He was a man of most genial disposition, of an indomitable energy, full of fire and activity down to the day of his death. He used to say, comparing his active life with the quiet of his brother Joseph's, that he would rather wear out than rust out. He died in Chillicothe, Mo., Apr. 3, 1875. His wife, Hannah Decker, was born in Virginia, Mar. 28th, 1810, and died in Chillicothe, Mo., Apr. 28th, 1879. Ten children were born to them. Of these, two died in childhood, and eight grew to manhood and womanhood, as follows:

VII—(342) Ives Decker Platter (d. of Andrew VI; Christian V). Born Sept. 10th, 1829, near Bainbridge, O. Twice married. First, Christian Bennett Cobb, in 1846. Mr. Cobb conducted a general store in Bainbridge. He died early, leaving his widow with the responsibility of conducting the business and rearing her two children. Assisted by her son John, who was a young man in his teens, she conducted the business successfully for some years, afterwards disposing of it. She was a woman of an unselfish spirit, considerate of her friends, generous to the poor, and an active and devoted member of the Presbyterian church of Bainbridge. She was married the second time to R. R. Seymour. By her first marriage to Mr. Cobb she had two children:

VIII—(343) John Andrew Cobb (s. of Ives Decker Platter VII). Born Sept. 6th, 1849. Assisted his mother in conducting the store. Later,



when the store was disposed of, he engaged in the real estate business. Was a bright, capable man. Was a staunch Republican, and took an active part in politics. He died a bachelor.

VIII—(344) Cora Bell Cobb (d. of Ives VII). Born Feb. 20th, 1855. Married Major Wm. R. McFarlane in Bainbridge, Dec. 31st, 1874. Husband born in Reedsville, Pa., Feb. 13th, 1847. Was an officer in the Union army during the Civil war. Owned and conducted a farm near Walker, Vernon Co., Mo. His death occurred at his home Feb. 20th, 1911. Mrs. McFarlane continued to conduct the farm successfully after her husband's death, till last year, when she went to Denison, Tex., to make her home with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lingo, still looking after her business matters in a creditable way. She has no children.

VII—(345) John C. Platter (s. of Andrew Platter VI; Christian V). Born in Bainbridge, O., July 8th, 1831. Married Aug. 27, 1860. Wife's name, Mary Munson Clark. Born Aug. 10th, 1835; daughter of Jeremiah Clark and Juliana Fox. Merchandised for a time in Lockbourne, Franklin Co., O., but lived most of his life on his farm on Walnut Creek, eight miles south of Columbus. His brother, A. F., in writing of him, says that he is a better Republican than he is a Methodist, but I will assume that his religion is of the right kind as well as his politics, since the brother aforesaid avows that the Methodist pastor never fails of the pick of his flock for a Christmas turkey. Both Mr. and Mrs. Platter are enjoying the well earned ease of age in their Columbus home, grateful for the fact that they have received many of the joys and blessings of this life. At the age of 87 Mr. Platter made out his family's chart in a clear, steady hand. He is another living example of the longevity of the Platters. He has two children:

VIII—(346) Harry Clark Platter (s. of John C. Platter VII; Andrew VI). Born Aug. 28th, 1861. Married, first, Clara Jane Lingo; two children born of this marriage. Second marriage, Louise Beaumont; lives in Denison, Tex. Is vice president of the Waples-Platter Grocer Co., in charge of the buying. One of the most able and successful men in the wholesale grocery business in this country. Two children:

IX—(347) Herbert Lingo Platter (s. of Harry Clark Platter VIII). Graduate of State University of Texas; m. Miss Lynn Wooton; gave up his position with Waples-Platter Grocer Co. and enlisted in service of his country. Joined the artillery branch. Has recently returned from France commissioned as first lieutenant, and has resumed the position which he gave up when he entered the service, assistant manager of the parent company. Has a fine business outlook before him.

IX—(348) Maryanna Platter (d. of Harry C. VIII). Graduate of Monticello College. Has been prominent in Red Cross work in her home city of Denison.

VIII—(349) Herbert Morris Platter (s. of John C. Platter VII; Andrew V). Holds degrees from professional schools both in this country and in Europe. A prominent physician in Columbus, O. At present secretary of the State Medical Board of Ohio. So modest that I have not been able to get from him a list of all the honors that belong to him; still I know that

*I have a letter from Herbert M. Platter  
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he is a physician of high standing, and a credit to the Platter family. He married Laura Belle Israel. His home is in Columbus and he has two children:

IX—(350) Katherine Platter (d. of Dr. Herbert M.).

IX—(351) Harold (s. of Dr. Herbert M.).

VII—(352) Luke Decker Platter (s. of Andrew VI; Christian V). Born Dec. 3, 1833. Married Bettie Wolfenberger. Died Oct. 11th, 1872. Left a widow but no children.

VII—(353) William Vause Platter (s. of Andrew VI; Christian V). Born Aug. 12th, 1835. Unmarried. Lived in Chillicothe, Mo. With his youngest brother, Frank, developed a large business in the shipment of mules and horses to the larger markets, St. Louis, Chicago, New York and exporting some to Germany. He was regarded as one of the most expert judges of horses and mules in the trade. His integrity was never questioned by purchaser or competitor. He died Mar. 8th, 1901.

VII—(354) Thomas McCague Platter (s. of Andrew VI; Christian V). Born Aug. 12th, 1848. Married Eliza Ann Harry. Died Sept. 18, 1873, at the age of 39. He learned the miller's occupation with his uncle, Thos. McCague, of Ripley, O., and afterwards operated his father's grist mill on Paint Creek. He was a lieutenant in the Union army in the Civil war; was taken prisoner at Harper's Ferry; was in prison for a time and afterwards exchanged with a creditable record. Eliza Ann Platter, his widow, lives in Denison, Tex. Two children:

VIII—(355) Charles H. Platter (s. of Thos. McCague Platter VII). Born about 1875. Entered service of Waples-Platter Grocer Co., and finally became secretary of the company. Resigned to organize the Platter Tobacco Co., of which he was president and manager. This company was taken over by the Boren-Stewart Co., wholesale grocers of Dallas, Tex., of which company he is now the vice president and general manager. He married Mary Hanna, of Henderson, Ky., the daughter of Dr. Wm. Hanna. He has two children:

IX—(356) Mary Hunter Platter (d. of Chas. H. VIII; Thos. McCague VII). A graduate of Bryn Mawr. A capable and enthusiastic worker for the Red Cross.

IX—(357) Katherine Platter (d. of Chas. H. VIII). A graduate of Mrs. Wright's School at Bryn Mawr. Taking up kindergarten work.

VIII—(358) Frank Dunn Platter (s. of Thos. McCague Platter VII). Married Nelly Lewis, of Michigan. For a time assistant manager Waples-Platter Grocer Co., Denison, Tex. Had aptitude along mechanical lines as applied to electricity. Went to Chicago to pursue such work. Died there, leaving a widow but no children.

VII—(359) Ann Eliza Platter (d. of Andrew VI; Christian V; Joseph IV). Born Feb. 4th, 1841, near Bainbridge, O. Married Edward H. Lingo. Born in Millsboro, Sussex Co., Del. Lived for a time in Chillicothe, Mo., where they were married. Then removed to Texas, where Mr. Lingo engaged in the lumber business in Denison, before the town was incorporated. He has been prominent in the lumber business in Texas ever since, serving for a time as the president of the Texas Lumbermen's Association.



He has also been a great factor in the support and counsel of the Episcopal church in Texas. A great colony of relatives and friends found their way to Texas, and through his influence and counsel found their way also to business success. He and his wife are both living and enjoying their beautiful home in Denison. Mr. A. F. Platter, of Dallas, in writing me of his sister, says: "Here is truly a wonderful character. She has mothered the family since the death of her mother. Her brothers and nieces and nephews have found the same welcome in her home as was given to her own children. She has given much of her time for the upbuilding and usefulness of her church, the meetings of which she never denied herself, till the disease which is taking her away from us made her too feeble to attend. She is brave and confident, realizing that she is nearing the end through the shadows, with no regrets other than that she will be missed by those who need her assistance and her love." Mr. and Mrs. Lingo have had three children; two living:

VIII—(360) Cora J. Lingo (d. of Ann Eliza Platter; Andrew VI). Graduate of St. Mary's College, Knoxville, Ill. Married Howard G. Kelly, who was at the time chief engineer of the Cotton Belt Railway, and is now the president of the Grand Trunk Railway System of Canada. Both Mrs. Kelly and her husband are prominent in social and church circles.

VIII—(361) Georgia Lingo (d. of Ann Eliza Platter VII). Died in childhood.

VIII—(362) William Mac Lingo (s. of Ann Eliza Platter VII). Graduate of Marmaduke Military School, Mo. Married Clifton Dulaney, daughter of Geo. B. Dulaney, Hannibal, Mo. Followed in the footsteps of his father and chose lumber as his calling. Is vice president and general manager of the Lingo Lumber Co. of Dallas. Prominent in Episcopal church circles. Has three children:

IX—(363) Clifton Dulaney Lingo, b. Oct. 12th, 1910.

IX—(364) George Dulaney Lingo, b. Dec. 30th, 1913.

IX—(365) William Mac Lingo, Jr., b. Dec. 19th, 1915.

VII—(366) Andrew Fox Platter (s. of Andrew VI; Christian V; Joseph IV). Born Sept. 17th, 1850, Bainbridge, O. Married Fannie Waples, Dec. 19th, 1882. She was born Aug. 18, 1857, in Chillicothe, Mo. Mr. Platter lived for ten years after his marriage in Chillicothe, Mo., and was connected with the dry goods house of Murray & McVey. In 1877 he went to Texas to take an interest in the wholesale grocery business of Hanna, Owens & Co., at Denison. This company was succeeded by Hanna, Platter & Lingo, and this later by Waples-Platter Grocer Co., of which Mr. Platter is president. This company now has three parent houses and seventeen branch houses in Texas and Oklahoma, and has grown from a concern with \$10,000 capital to one with \$2,500,000, and did an aggregate business in 1918 of \$10,000,000. The Waples and the Platters (Mrs. Platter was a Waples), fathers and sons and nephews, have built up this great successful business, which is a splendid testimony to their business ability and enterprise. In loyalty to his good wife, Mr. Platter says that "the real success and the comforts along the journey should be credited to her." I wish to make mention here of the valuable assistance and constant encouragement which I have had from Mr. Platter in the writing of this history. He has shown an enthusiasm and a readiness to help which has renewed my, at



times, flagging courage, so that I have kept on with it. To A. F. and Fannie Waples Platter were born two children:

VIII—(367) Paul Waples Platter (s. of Andrew Fox Platter VII; Andrew VI). Two years at State University of Texas; two years at Harvard. Entered Waples-Platter Grocer Co. At the outbreak of the great war responded to the call for volunteers. Was one of the six selected for special work at Washington in Subsistence Division of the Q. M. C. Promoted to rank of captain and sent overseas July 18th, 1918. Was assigned to duty as rail-head officer. After armistice was made superintendent of rail-head officers. Is now released and will return and resume his duties with Waples-Platter Grocer Co. as director and officer of the company.

VIII—(368) Berenice Waples Platter (d. of Andrew Fox Platter VII; Andrew VI). Graduate of Walnut Hill School, Natick, Mass. Married Lieut. Adolphus Andrews, since promoted to captain in the United States navy. Capt. Andrews is the youngest man in the navy of his rank, being not yet 40 years old. One child:

IX—(369) Frances Waples Andrews, three years of age.

VII—(370) Frank Platter (s. of Andrew Platter VI; Christian V). Born Dec. 8th, 1852, Bainbridge, O. Twice married. First wife, Ella Augusta Van Every. Second wife, Bessie Guitar. Engaged for some years with his brother, William, in handling horses and mules for eastern markets. Removed to Texas about 1909 and engaged in the hardware business. Lives in Denison, Tex. First wife born Apr., 1858; died Oct., 1891, Chillicothe, Mo. Two children by first marriage; one child by second:

VIII—(371) George Wm. Platter (s. of Frank VII). Born Dec. 11th, 1880. Married Nov. 6th, 1907, to Lulu Martin. Engaged in lumber business in Mercedes, Tex. Three children:

IX—(372) Frank Martin Platter, b. Oct. 17th, 1910.

IX—(373) Helene Platter, b. Mar. 3rd, 1915.

IX—(374) Ruth Platter, b. May 29th, 1901; d. in infancy.

VIII—(375) Mary Van Every Platter (d. of Frank Platter VII). Born in Chillicothe, Mo. Graduate National Cathedral, Washington. Married Arthur D. Boice, graduate of Princeton, Apr. 9th, 1912. Lives in Houston, Tex. Has two children:

IX—(376) David Armstrong.

IX—(377) Edward Henry.

VIII— ) Henry Van Emery Platter (s. of Frank VII). Born Feb. 3rd, 1890. Married Grace McDonough, Sept. 14th, 1916, N. Y. City. One child, Mary Clare (IX), born Aug. 21st, 1917, Dallas, Tex.

VIII—(378) David Guitar Platter (s. of Frank VII). Son of second marriage.

VII—(379) Margaret Seymour Platter and Alice Platter, children of Andrew Platter VI; died in infancy.



## The Descendants of Elizabeth Platter Everly V.

### The Everly Family

V-7—(380) Elizabeth Platter (d. Joseph IV; Jacob III; Michael II; Michael I). Born June 22nd, 1765, in Frederic Co., Md. She was the first child born to Joseph and Anna Barbara Platter after their coming to America. She was married to Leonard Everly in Washington Co., Pa., about 1872. He was the son of Leonard Everly (Eberli) and his wife, Eva Marie, who, like the Platters, traced their ancestry back to Switzerland. They came to Frederic Co., Md., a little earlier than the Platters, and the two families migrated from there across the mountains into Washington Co., Pa., about the same time. Leonard Everly, the husband of Elizabeth Platter, was born in Frederic Co., Md., about Feb. 20th, 1760, and died in Washington Co., Pa., July 7th, 1830. He was a soldier of the Revolution, his name appearing on the muster roll for the year 1776 as a member of Capt. Heinrich Fister's company of the German Regiment of Maryland. (See Archives of Md., vol. 18, folio 261.) After their marriage Elizabeth Platter and Leonard Everly lived on a farm near Redd's Mills on Pigeon Creek, in Fallowfield, Twp., Washington Co., Pa. Their deed to this farm was dated July 3rd, 1786. On this farm they lived and reared a large family. They had twelve children born to them and eleven lived to maturity. They are buried in the old private burying ground on her father, Joseph Platter's, farm on Pigeon Creek, and their graves are the only ones marked with headstones. This farm now belongs to Frank Williams. Joseph Platter and his wife Barbara are also buried there. The Everly graves are the only ones marked, and on them the inscriptions are as follows:

"In memory of Leonard Everly, Sr., who departed this life July 7th, A. D., 1830, aged 70 years and 5 months."

"In memory of Elizabeth Everly, consort of Leonard Everly, who departed this life Dec. 12th, 1833, aged 67 years and 6 months."

Children of Leonard and Elizabeth Platter Everly were:

VI—(380) Catharine, born 1783, died in Fort Scott, Kan., in 1866. She is buried in the cemetery at Leavenworth, Kan. She married first, Thomas Rowland, and had one son, Thomas Rowland, who lived and died in Carroll Co., O. She married second, Jacobus Kirkendall, and had three sons: Joseph, who lived in Carroll Co., O., and later moved west and has been lost trace of. Andrew, second son, married and lived in Washington Co., Pa.; later he also moved west, probably to Kansas, and has been lost trace of. Leonard, the third son, died in infancy.

VI—(381) Peter, born Oct. 24th, 1785, and died in Wayne Co., O., Apr. 26th, 1886. He married Permilla Smith, who was born in Washington Co., Pa., in 1791, and died in Wayne Co., O., Nov. 16, 1865. They first lived in Washington Co., Pa., in 1810 and 1811, but in 1812 they moved west, as it was called then, and settled in Wayne Co., O., a few miles north of Wooster. In 1823 he sold this farm and settled in what is now Holmes Co., later moving to Shreve, where he died. Their children were: Henry, lived in Wayne and Holmes Cos.; Joseph in Kosciusko Co.,



Ind.; Adam, Wayne Co., O.; Margaret in Holmes Co.; Eliza, Holmes Co.; Sarah, who died at 14 years; Ann lived in Valparaiso, Ind., and Harriet and Andrew, who died young.

VI—(382) Mary, born 1787, died 1823. Married Andrew Redd and had four children: James, Adam, Sarah and Elizabeth; all of whom married and settled in Wayne and Ashland Cos., O.

VI—(383) Adam, born 1789, died 1853. He settled in Wayne Co., O. Was married late in life, but had no children.

VI—(384) Joseph, born 1790; died in Wayne Co., O., in 1829. He married Rachel (Redd) Stinson's widow. Their children were: Louiseanna, Maria, Elizabeth, Joseph, Rachel, Sarah and Susanna. After the husband's death the family left Wayne county and are said to have removed to the west and all trace of them has been lost.

VI—(385) Jacob, born Aug. 7th, 1792; died in Carroll Co., O., Nov. 13th, 1842. Married Lydia Miller, born 1802, died 1885. Their children were: Elizabeth, Sarah and Keturah, who lived in Carroll Co.; Michael and Mary Catherine, of Sullivan Co., Ind.; Madison, of Iola, Kan.; Susanna and Johanna, of Farmersburg, Ind.; Hannah lived in Carroll Co., O.; Jacob, of Spencer, Ind.; Lucinda, Carroll Co., O., and Lydia, of Vandalia, Ind.

VI—(386) Barbara, born 1794; died in Martin's Ferry, O., 1886. Married Henry Smith, brother of Permilla Smith, wife of Peter Everly. Their children were: Lewis E., Hiram W. and Jehu, all of whom married and lived in western Pennsylvania. A daughter, Elizabeth, died in early childhood.

VI—(387) Leonard, born June 20th, 1796; died in Holmes Co., O., Oct. 24th, 1853. Married Catherine Chestoun. They had seven children: George and Maria lived in Holmes Co.; Elizabeth, who died in Boulder, Col.; Rebecca, of Holmes Co.; Andrew, of Plattsburg, Mo., and Peter, who is still living in Orrville, O.

VI—(388) Elizabeth, born 1798; died in Wayne Co., O., in 1892. Married Jacob Ihrig. Their children were: Susan, Elizabeth, Sophia, Rachel, Simon; all of whom lived in Wayne Co.

VI—(389) Anna, born Mar. 1st, 1799; died in Holmes Co., O., in 1878. Married James Parsons. Their children were: Eliza, Andrew, William, James, John, Joseph, Sarah, Mary, Franklin and Finley L.

VI—(390) Sarah born Mar. 2nd, 1805; died in Washington Co., Pa., Jan. 18th, 1871. Married Stephen Lucc. Their children were: David, of Hancock Co., O.; Leonard, of Washington Co., Pa.; Mary E., of Westmoreland Co., Pa.; Barbara, of Fayette Co., Pa.; Jehu, of Fayette Co.; Anna, of Washington Co., Pa., and Francis, who lives in California, Pa.

VI—(391) Rebecca, born 1806, who died in early childhood.

IX—(392) Ora W. Everly (s. of Thomas VIII; Adam VII; Peter VI; Elizabeth V; Joseph IV; Jacob III; Michael II; Michael I). Born in Holmes Co., O., Mar. 2nd, 1867. Married in Millersburg, O., June 26th, 1887. Wife, Lovie R. Bushy. Born June 18, 1869. Veterinarian, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture. Members Christian Church. Reside in Columbus, O. Children:

Guy Painter, b. Oct. 3rd, 1888; m. Mabel R. Thomas.

Don Bushey, b. Sept. 13th, 1890; m. Helen M. Scheidt.

Ray Thomas, b. Aug. 29th, 1902.



## The Descendants of Mary Platter Wickerham V.

### The Wickerham Family

V—(8-393) Mary Platter (d. of Joseph Platter IV; Jacob III; Michael II; Michael I). Born in Frederic Co., Md., Mar. 11th, 1767. Married Peter Wickerham, son of Adam Wickerham, who was born in Washington Co., Pa., in 1756. He was a soldier of the Revolution and was wounded in one of the battles of the war. He was a member of Capt. Zadoch Wright's Co. of Pa. Militia. (See Penn. Archives, vol. 14, page 768.) Mary Platter and her husband, Peter Wickerham, in company with her older brother, Peter Platter and his family, migrated to Kentucky, and a few years later to Ohio, as has been previously narrated in this history. Peter Wickerham built the first brick and plastered house erected in the Virginia Military Reservation, on his farm on the present site of Palestine, in Adams county, and it is still standing and is lived in by one of his great-grandchildren, a standing tribute to the fact that it was well and honestly built. In 1801 a petition was presented to the first Court of Quarter Sessions at Manchester, recommending Peter Wickerham as a "civil citizen and very worthy of the character of innkeeper," and that "he lives on such a part of the road as requires some person to officiate in that capacity." This was known as "the old brick tavern," the first of its kind in the county. The old Covenant Meeting House, the first church built in the Virginia Military Reservation, was also erected on the Wickerham farm. Peter Wickerham and his wife, Mary Platter, were people of influence among the pioneer settlers. He died Apr. 4th, 1841, and is buried in the cemetery on the hill near Locust Grove. His wife survived him some years and is buried beside him, but I have not the date of her death. They had four sons and three daughters:

VI—(393) Joseph (s. of Mary V; Joseph IV; Jacob III; Michael II; Michael I). Died young.

VI—(394) John (s. of Mary V; Joseph IV). Born in Washington Co., Pa. Married Jane Milligan. Had three children: Griselda VII, Mary VII and John VII.

VI—(395) Jacob (s. of Mary V; Joseph IV; &c.). Born Dec. 4th, 1794, Washington Co., Pa. Married Eve Amen; born Nov. 10th, 1806, in Bourtalotte Co., Virginia. Date of marriage Nov. 20th, 1823. She was the daughter of Daniel Amen, who kept a hotel at Sinking Springs. He lived in the old brick house which his father had built. Like his father, he was a good business man, and acquired a considerable fortune for those days. He had seven children:

VII—(396) Anna Maria. Born Dec. 22nd, 1824. Married Harrison Crum.

VII—(397) Joseph Amen (s. of Jacob VI; of Mary V). Born Dec. 2nd, 1826. Married Elizabeth Strain. No children.

VII—(398) Samuel Lemon. Born Dec. 22nd, 1829. Died in infancy.

VII—(399) Peter Noah (s. of Jacob VI; Mary V). Born Jan. 31st, 1832. Married Elvira Tener, daughter of George Tener, of Locust Grove, O.



VII—(400) Sarah (d. of Jacob VI; Mary V; Joseph IV). Born Aug. 17th, 1834. Married John Davis. One child, Dr. Jacob W. Davis.

VII—(401) Ichabod Erastus (s. of Jacob VI; Mary V; Joseph IV). Born Aug. 31st, 1839. Died unmarried.

VI—(402) Jacob F. (s. of Jacob VI; Mary V; Joseph IV). Born Dec. 11th, 1843. Married May 25th, 1865. Name of wife, Anna Belle Cannon. Born Sept. 5th, 1844, near Locust Grove. Daughter of Levin M. Cannon. 1st lieutenant in Civil war. Served till end of war. Farmer and merchant. Lives in Peebles, O. Has eight children:

VIII—(403) Minnie Maud (d. Jacob VII). Born Feb. 13th, 1866. Married A. D. Kirk.

VIII—(404) Eva Jane (d. of Jacob VII). Born Mar. 5th, 1868. Married Dr. L. D. Smith.

VIII—(405) Stanley Erastus (s. of Jacob VII). Born Apr. 19th, 1870. Died Mar. 31st, 1887.

VIII—(406) Grace Augusta (d. of Jacob VII). Born Feb. 7th, 1873. Teacher in schools of East Cleveland, Ohio.

VIII—(407) Jacob Harlan (s. of Jacob VII). Born Oct. 19th, 1875. Married Romena King.

VIII—(408) Anna Florence (d. of Jacob VII). Born May 15th, 1878. Married John J. Hughes. Lives in the old Wickerham tavern, 115 years old.

VIII—(409) Walter Cannon (s. of Jacob VII). Born Mar. 20th, 1881. Married Laura Keifer.

VIII—(410) Mary Irene (d. of Jacob VII). Born Sept. 22nd, 1884. Married E. A. Scott.

VI—(411) Elizabeth (d. of Mary Platter V). Married Robert McNeal. Had five children: Joseph, Peter, John, Jacob and Mary.

VI—(412) Mary (d. of Mary Platter V). Born Mar. 11th, 1789. Married James McCague and had seven children: Mary, Martha, Nancy, Jane, Ann, Joseph and James.

VI—(413) Nancy (d. of Mary Platter V). Married John McCormick, of Cincinnati, and had four children: Mary, Elizabeth, Ann and Andrew.

VI—(414) Peter (s. of Mary Platter V). Married first, Hannah Williams, and had one daughter, Ann. Married second, Elizabeth Copeland. Had eight children: Nancy, Peter, Belle, Jane, William, James, Robert and Oscar.

VI—(415) Barbara Wickerham (d. of Mary Platter V). Married John Davis. Had seven children:

VII—(416) Mary; married John Platter (VI- ).

VII—(417) James; married Mary McCague.

VII—(418) Peter; married Griselda Wickerham.

VII—(419) John; married first, Sarah Wickerham; second, Elizabeth Sharp.

VII—(420) Elizabeth; married first, Joseph Ralston; second, Josiah Dufford.



VII—(421) Thomas; married Elizabeth Ralston.

VII—(422) Joseph; married Nancy Ralston.

VI—(423) Susan Wickerham (d. of Mary Platter V). Married first, Robert McIntyre. Had three children: Mary, Ruhamah, David. Married second, Andrew McIntyre.

John Davis, who married Barbara Wickerham, was my grandfather. He was a son of Thomas Davis, of Welsh descent. He owned 1200 acres of land southeast of Locust Grove, and one of my earliest recollections is of that old homestead, my mother's girlhood home. There were great log barns on the east side of the road, and on the west side a great two-story double log house, with a great extension running back, which was a living and dining room, with a great fireplace at the further end that would take in a six-foot log. In the fireplace was a large crane on which to hang pots and kettles. Running the full length of this was a kitchen, where according to my boyish recollection, grandmother used to bake wonderful things to eat and give them to her grandchildren when they came to see her. Back of the house was a great 10-acre orchard, and in the center of it the big log cider press. That old home was a place of comfort and plenty, with everything to supply the simple needs of a simple life. Everything about it was great in my boyish recollection.

## Family of Jacob Platter V

### Jacob IV.

V—(9-424) Jacob Platter (s. of Joseph IV) migrated from Washington Co., Pa., to Adams Co., O., settling at Fristoe's Crossing of Brush Creek, and keeping a tavern there for some years. Later he removed to north-eastern Ohio and settled on a farm near Defiance, O., and died there. His wife's given name was Nancy, but her maiden name I do not know. Jacob Platter had nine children.

VI—(425) George Platter (s. of Jacob V; Joseph IV). He lived at Defiance and was twice married. He had four children by his first marriage. He was married a second time to Hannah Louise Reed, widow of Dr. James Reed, of Paulding, O. By this marriage he had four children: George Lewis, or Louis, Mary and William. Of these George, Mary and Louis are dead. William is a lawyer and lives at 1449 W. VanBuren St., Chicago, Ill. A step-daughter, Mrs. Lucy Cassilly, lives in St. Louis, Mo. William has one son, Carl Leroy Platter, living in Chicago. George Platter VI lived on a farm on the Maumee river near Emerald Station, in Paulding Co., O., and died there in 1863. His widow, Hannah L., died at the home of her son William in Chicago, Aug. 11th, 1911. She was a member of the M. E. church, and her pastor speaks of her as a woman of fine Christian character.

VI—(426) Lewis Platter (s. of Jacob). Married Betsey Gordon. Had a large family. Oliver, Caroline and Harriet were names of three. Their descendants live in Defiance Co., O.

VI—( ) Andrew (s. of Jacob V) died when a young man and unmarried.



VI—(434) Jacob Platter (s. of Jacob V; Joseph IV). Born 1805 near Piqua, Miami Co., O. His father, Jacob V, must have lived for a time in Miami Co., near his brother George, before he moved on to Defiance, O., where he later lived and where he died. He married Jane Weeks, the daughter of James Weeks, of Rockbridge, W. Va., about 1834-5. After his marriage he lived on a farm near Newville, DeKalb Co., Ind. Of this marriage nine children were born. Their names were: James W., Nancy Jane, Mary, Anneda, Josephine, Emma Jane, John, Lewis and Vinage. Of these nine children I have the family record of James W. only:

VII—( ) James W. Platter (s. of Jacob VI; Jacob V; Joseph IV). Born in 1836 near Newville, DeKalb Co., Ind. The first white male child born in the county. His wife was Harriet Reaser, the daughter of Daniel Reaser, a farmer of DeKalb Co., and she was born in 1830 and died in 1912. James W. Platter died at his home near Newville, Ind., in 1910. He had four children:

VIII—( ) Cornelius. Born 1861. Married Eliza Davis. Has four children:

IX—( ) Charles Platter, b. 1882.

IX—( ) Elva Platter, b. 1884.

IX—( ) Hazel Platter, b. 1887.

IX—( ) Ethelwyn Platter, b. 1901.

VIII—( ) Ulysses Platter. Born in 1863. Died in 1884.

VIII—( ) Arthur Platter. Born 1866. Married Ulla Simkins. Has four children:

IX—( ) Carl Guy Platter, b. 1890. One son:

X—( ) Carl, b. 1916.

IX—( ) Maude I. Platter, b. 1892.

IX—( ) Bertha M. Platter, b. 1894.

IX—( ) William B. Platter, b. 1896.

VIII—(435) John E. Platter. Born 1873. Married Lena Seeley. Is a farmer living near Butler, DeKalb Co., Ind., and has two sons:

IX—( ) Lyle A. Platter, b. in 1901.

IX—( ) Russell A. Platter, b. 1905.

Here follows a record of John E. Platter that I cannot rightly place. It was sent me by Mrs. Frank P. Seiler, of Auburn, Ind. The people most nearly concerned will doubtless know:

VIII—( ) John E. (s. of James W.). Married Emeline Baldwin. Five children:

IX—( ) Harvey; died in Civil war.

IX—( ) Marilla, dead; m. Adolphus Jones; one daughter.

X—( ) Mina Powers, of Butler, Ind.

IX—( ) Emily; m. Robert Johnson; three children:

X—Carl; X—Dessa; X—Iva; living in Chicago.

IX—( ) Addie; m. J. Snively; two sons:

X—Dale; X—Fenn; living in Chicago.



IX—( ) Edith; m. Calvin Henselman; one son:

X—Oak Henselman, Auburn, Ind.

VI—(426) Anna Barbata (d. of Jacob V). Born 1801. Married Gavin Hamilton. Seven children: James, William, Mary, John, Elizabeth.

VII—(427) Mary. Married Adam Bittinger. One daughter, Luella Edgerton, Indianapolis, Ind.

VII—(428) Elizabeth. Married Henry Hardy. Two children: Mary Hardy, address Defiance, O.; John, address unknown.

VII—John. Married Ursula Dawson. Resides Butler, Ind. Two children: Coral and Guy.

VI—(429) Elizabeth (d. of Jacob V). Married William Rodgers. Born 1804. Three children: George, dead; William, dead.

VII—Lavina. Married H. A. Pallister; resides Quaker City, O.

VI—(430) Mary (d. of Jacob V). Born 1816. Married Sanford Stroud. Had four children: Sylvester, George and Sanford. Live in Oregon. In 1862 she and her husband joined an emigration party of 100 people to cross the plains, which took them five months and fifteen days. She lost her husband and one child by death on this journey.

VI—(431) Hannah (d. of Jacob V). Born 1814. Married Collin Robertson. Five children: Two sons died in infancy; three daughters.

VII—( ) Catherine Ann. Married Simon Nicholls. Resides at St. Joe, Ind. Five children: Eva, Robert, Nettie, Martha, Mary.

VII—( ) Jane. Married Washington Woodcox. Three children: Clyde, Ward, Winifred.

VII—( ) Mary. Married Jerry Andrews.

IX—( ) Mino (d. Mary Andrews); m. Frank P. Seiler; resides Auburn, Ind.

IX—(435) Mrs. Mino Andrews Seiler, Auburn, Ind., is a great-granddaughter of Jacob and Nancy Platter. She writes me that when she was seven years old she went with her grandmother, who was a daughter of Jacob and Nancy Platter, to Chillicothe, Mo., to visit in the home of her cousin, Andrew Platter. (This was Andrew Platter VI, son of Christian V, and the father of Andrew Fox Platter, of Dallas, Tex.)

## Descendants of George Platter V.

V—(436-10) George Platter (s. of Joseph IV; Jacob III; Michael II; Michael I). Born in Washington Co., Pa., Nov. 15th, 1773. Married there but do not know the name of his wife. Migrated to Ohio about 1803 and took up land near the site of the present city of Troy in Miami county, and lived there till his death, at the age of 64, in 1837. He had five children, two sons and three daughters, as follows:

VI—(437) Jacob Platter (s. of George V; Joseph IV). Born in Washington Co., Pa., 1792. Married Hannah Cox, near Troy, Miami Co., O., in 1814. Lived for a time in Shelby Co., O., and moved to Peoria Co., Ill., in 1841. Afterwards moved to Henry, Marshall Co., Ill., where he lived till his death in July, 1873, at the age of 81. He had gone on a visit to his son, Jeremiah H. Platter, at Clio, Ia., was taken sick and died there.



His wife, Hannah, died at her home in Henry, Ill., Sept. 13th, 1876. I have a photograph of Jacob Platter, sent me by his daughter, Mrs. Franklin P. Kirk, of Kansas City, and I can see a marked resemblance to the older generation of Platter men. He and his wife were members of the Disciple church. Jacob and Hannah Platter had eleven children born to them. They had large families in those good old pioneer days. I give their names in the order of their birth:

VII—(438) Nancy. Born in 1816. Died in infancy.

VII—(439) Nicholas H. Born 1818. Died in 1886, aged 68. Have no record of his family.

VII—(440) David P. Born 1820. Died 1883, aged 63. Have no record of his family.

VII—(441) Elizabeth. Born Jan. 30th, 1822. Married John Combs at Tolona, Ill., and died there Oct. 31st, 1899, aged 77. A daughter, Mrs. Edwards, lives there.

VII—(442) Bathsheba. Born in 1824. Married Harvey Allen. Died 1870, aged 46. No record.

VII—(443) Sarah P. Kirk. Born 1826. Married Franklin P. Kirk in 1851. Was living in Kansas City at last account. To Sarah P. Platter and Franklin Kirk were born seven children:

VIII—(444) Erastus F. Married Frances Shields in 1878. Residence unknown.

VIII—(445) Aurelia. Married George Toulman in 1887. Residence unknown.

VIII—(446) Henry Dudley. Married Marguerite Dunham in 1895. Residence unknown.

VIII—(447) Ida Zula.

VIII—(448) Chas. Jay. Died in infancy.

VIII—(449) Jennie Eva. Died April 2nd, 1901.

VIII—(450) Guy Roy.

VII—(451) Elnathan Platter (s. of Jacob VI; George V; Joseph IV). Born May 31st, 1828, at Troy, O. Married Maria Louisa Gage in Marshall Co., Ill., June 12th, 1862. In 1887 he removed with his family to Sumner, Pierce Co., Washington, where he was still living the last word I had from him. If still living he will be 91 years of age at his next birthday in May. Two years ago he visited his daughter, Mrs. Alonzo Tynor, of Chicago, and drove with them in an auto from Chicago to Columbus, O., to see a grandson who had enlisted in the army and was at the Columbus barracks. He owns and lives on a fruit farm just outside of Sumner, Wash. To Elnathan Platter and his wife were born eleven children, a typical large Platter family:

VIII—(452) Ella May. Born Mar. 25th, 1862. Married Michael Harrison.

VIII—(453) Jacob Elmer. Born Oct. 17th, 1864. Married Mattie Bowman. Lives at Winthrop, Okanogan Co., Wash. Has one son, Lieut. Elmer Platter (IX- ), who was in the aerial service in France.



VIII—(454) Rhoda Maude Platter. Born July 14th, 1886. Married C. L. Cabana.

VIII—(455) Stella Platter. Born Feb. 10th, 1868. Married A. G. Hitchcock.

VIII—(456) David Walter Platter. Born October 8th, 1869. Died July 13th, 1876.

VIII—(457) Nellie Augusta Platter. Born Aug. 17th, 1871. Married John Decker.

VIII—(458) Mary Caroline Platter. Born July 22nd, 1873. Deceased.

VIII—(459) Sarah Effie Platter. Born Mar. 19th, 1875. Died Sept., 1875.

VIII—(460) Daisy Olga Platter. Born Oct. 29th, 1877.

VIII—(461) Margaret Katheryne Platter. Born Mar. 4th, 1882. Married Alonzo Tyner and resides at 436 Prospect Ave., Highland Park, Chicago.

VIII—(462) Beatrice Elizabeth Platter. Born Aug. 31st, 1885.

VII—(463) Abraham Platter (s. of Jacob VI; George V; Joseph IV). Born 1830. Died in 1898. Unmarried.

VII—(464) Jeremiah F. Platter (s. of Jacob VI; George V; Joseph IV). Born in Nov., 1832. Married Natalie Haller, and lived at Clio, Ia. Died there in 1886. Had four children:

VIII—(465) A. E. Platter; a physician, living at Memphis, Mo., at last accounts.

VIII—(466) Curtis J. Platter; living at Great Falls, Mont.

VIII—(467) Jessie L. Platter; living at Castle Rock, Wash.

VIII—(468) Hannah J. Platter. Married Mr. Allen, and lived at last accounts at Humphreys, Mo.

VII—(469) Zeruah Platter. Born 1835. Married Timothy Hunt in 1863.

VII—(470) Elias. Born 1839. Died 1849.



## Another Swiss Branch of the Platters. Relationship Undetermined

I—(471) John Platter was born in Berne, Switzerland, about 1820. His wife's name was Barbara. They came to this country and settled near Buffalo, N. Y., in 1853. They had three sons, William, Jacob and Peter, born in Switzerland, and one daughter, Christine, born in this country. In 1867 John Platter moved to Indiana, and died there in 1897.

II—(472) Peter Platter, son of the above John Platter, was born in Berne, Switzerland, Aug. 6th, 1853, and was three months old when his father came to America. He married Mamie Kelly in 1884, and now lives near Rockville, Ind. From people in Rockville who know him, I learn that he is a man of fine character, a member of the Quaker or Friends' Society, by occupation a contractor, living just out of the town of Rockville, and very comfortably circumstanced. In a recent letter he says: "The people you speak of in Berne, who spell their name Blatter, are the same family. My father used the B in spelling his name until he came to this country. The name is pronounced Platter." In the family record which I obtained from the old Evangelical Church of Dudweiler, Germany, the name is spelled Blatter; but in grandfather's Bible it is spelled with a P—Platter.

III—(473) Peter Platter has one son, Wilbur Platter, born Mar. 27th, 1885. He married Ora M. Baldwin in 1886, and they have two children, Leighton B. and Marian Lucile, and their home is near Rockville, Ind.

Notice that the names recurring in this recent Swiss arrival are the familiar names constantly recurring in the Platter family: John, Peter, Jacob, Barbara and Christine. There is no question but that they came from the same original stock as our own older American branch.





## A Concluding Word

**A**ND now, after an amount of labor, which can scarcely be understood by one who has not performed such a task; seeking through years to trace origins, identities, relationships and localities; to verify dates and names and events; to discover and make known to each other relatives, lost to each other for fifty to seventy-five years; to gather up and bind into one great family the numerous descendants of our forefathers in America, and seek to awaken in them a family consciousness; this onerous but interesting and pleasant task I have now completed to the best of my knowledge and ability. It is my personal contribution to the Platter family. I hope you may all take as much pride in it as I do, and find in it the same pleasure as you read it. I shall put copies of it in various public libraries for the benefit of those who come after us.

If Joseph and Barbara Platter, bold emigrants and brave pioneers in a new world, could see assembled today the great and goodly company of their descendants in America, they might be justly proud of their contribution to the great free republic. The firm fiber of high moral and religious character which belonged to them has continued to characterize their descendants to the latest generations. It is up to the children of today and tomorrow to keep up the standard and to advance it.

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his son Nicholas was

John Oliver Platter's father

then his son George Mathews  
Platter my father.